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Clashes on first day; 2 no-shows

Special Committee on Impeachment chair Joe Deleon Guerrero (R-Saipan), center, makes a phone call while Rep. Ray Tebuteb (R-Saipan) and a Legislative Bureau staffer look on during yesterday's first scheduled meeting of a special committee tasked to review and make recommendations on a milestone resolution impeaching Gov. Benigno R. Fitial. Also in photo are, from left, foreground, House clerk Linda Muna and House legal counsels John Cool and Joe Tajeron.

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Castro nominated as chief justice

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Gov. Benigno R. Fitial nominated Associate Justice Alexandro C. Castro yesterday to serve as chief justice of the CNMI Supreme Court—a position that he has occupied in an acting capacity since the late chief justice Miguel S. Demapan stepped down last year.



Castro

If confirmed by the Senate, Castro, founder of the prestigious Attorney General's Cup speech competition, will serve an eight-year term.

"I have every confidence that you will fulfill the many duties and responsibilities this position carries with impartiality and in good conscience at all times," Fitial told Cas-

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Two lawmakers aligned with Gov. Benigno R. Fitial snubbed yesterday's first meeting of a special committee reviewing a milestone resolution to impeach the governor, while those present clashed over a request to allow Fitial to be heard on every charge of felony, corruption, and neglect of duty before panel members vote to impeach him.

Special committee rules adopted

Despite the no-shows and the clashes, six of the eight members present adopted the special committee rules on applicability, voting, confidentiality of proceedings, meetings, and interpretation.

Reps. Joe Palacios (R-Saipan) and Stanley Torres (Ind-Saipan), who earlier said they will vote "no" to the impeachment resolution, did not show up at the meeting.

Special Committee on Impeachment

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Asian casino boom aims to lure region's new rich

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MACAU (AP)—In the Philippines, a \$4-billion casino will soon rise from reclaimed land on Manila Bay. In South Korea, foreign investors are expected to break ground next year on a clutch of casino resorts offshore. And on the eastern edge of Russia, authorities plan a resort zone aimed at drawing Chinese high-rollers.

The projects are part of a casino building boom rolling across Asia, where governments are trying to develop their tourism markets to

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In this May 15, 2011 file photo, the complex of Galaxy Macau is illuminated in Macau.

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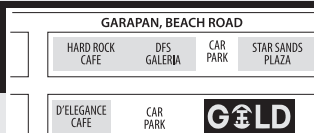
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Anti-, pro-Fitial groups to rally on same day

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Supporters and opponents of a resolution to impeach Gov. Benigno R. Fitial will be holding separate rallies on Sunday but in separate locations to avoid any confrontation, even as the House Special Committee on Impeachment held its first meeting yesterday.

The "Fitial Must Go" rally for those supporting his impeachment will be held at the Microl intersection in San Jose/Oleai on Sunday from 10:30am to 4:30pm, said one of the organizers, Brian Kendall.

A rally to support Fitial, meanwhile, will be held at or near Minachom Atdao in

Susupe, also on Sunday, from 10am to 4:30pm.

Commerce Secretary Sixto Igisomar, a staunch supporter of the governor, said the organizers of the pro-Fitial rally would want to keep a "safe distance" from the supporters of the impeachment move.

Igisomar said the governor has told supporters that if they want to bring with them banners or posters, they should not have hurtful messages against anyone and to be "very civil."

Igisomar said he himself plans to have a poster or banner that reads something like, "We support Governor Fitial. United We Stand."

Another Fitial supporter said, "The 99 percent just want to remind the 1 percent that we are alive and still kicking."

Other government officials, employees, and Republicans confirmed yesterday that they will be attending the gathering in Susupe to support Fitial.

Juan Reyes, a Republican Party candidate for Precinct 3, separately said yesterday that as far as he knows, the gathering in Susupe on Sunday would be a Republican Party rally wherein all candidates for the Nov. 6 elections will be presented to members.

Fitial has been meeting with fellow Republicans, supporters, and family members since returning to Saipan last week.

The governor was off-island when the House minority bloc led by Rep. Joe Guerrero (R-Saipan) filed a resolution initiating impeachment proceedings against Fitial for felony, corruption, and neglect of duty.

Brian Kendall, one of the organizers of the pro-impeachment rally, reiterated yesterday that "the worst thing we can do

is to stay silent."

"Be respectful, be polite but be heard. Stand up, by demanding accountability of our elected public officials," he said.

Kendall also said "everybody has reached the point where we see the wreckage all around us—Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., Commonwealth Utilities Corp., the NMI Retirement Fund. The list seems to grow longer every day."

"While the courts have shown that there's potential light at the end of the tunnel, no one knows just how long that tunnel is, but without individuals taking it upon themselves to stand up for truth and justice, without the individual calls of support to those that have started the process of accountability and the calls to those that might need a gentle reminder that this is an election year, I urge everyone to take a moment and honestly look at our community, look at the issues, and take a stand," Kendall added.

Glen Hunter, a concerned citizen, said yesterday he's happy that community members are "now finding their voice," referring to the pro-impeachment rally at Microl intersection.

Hunter also said he received an anonymous tip alleging that the governor required all his Cabinet members to inform their employees that the rally in Susupe is "mandatory."

"I was told that in that rally in support of the governor, names would be taken, and in the rally at the Microl intersection, there would be somebody taking video to see who's going to show up there. This is a cause for concern. Some supporters of the impeachment have reported this to authorities," he said.

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Medicare gives high performance rating to CHC dialysis unit



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Sherleen M. Osman, MD, center, poses with the Hemodialysis Unit staff during a simple celebration Wednesday at the center.

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The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services gave a high rating to the performance of the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.'s new dialysis center, based on the certification the federal agency recently gave the corporation.

Sherleen M. Osman, MD, medical director for the public hospital's renal section, disclosed to *Saipan Tribune* that the unit's score considerably improved this year, from 18 points in 2010 to an overwhelming 30 points this year.

"The score given by Medicare for our performance this year is 30 out of 30 [points]. The certificate speaks for itself," Osman said.

She said the satisfying result from Medicare was achieved despite some challenges in their operation.

Saipan Tribune obtained a copy of the Medicare certification indicating that the dialysis unit received 15 points for anemia management and 15 points for dialysis adequacy.

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Every year, CHC receives \$8 million to \$10 million in reim-

bursement from Medicare.

One-year anniversary

The dialysis center celebrated its first anniversary on Wednesday, during which unit staff and corporation officials gathered for a simple celebration.

Osman, along with her unit's staff, was presented with a plaque of recognition by corporation CEO Juan N. Babauta.

Osman told *Saipan Tribune* that the unit was already among the best facilities in the Pacific when she opened it in September 2011. She assured that the

unit is functioning well and the quality of care remains high.

"Although we have had a lot of staff loss, we are very focused and constantly strive to improve through education and staff training of old and new staff, so the impact was minimal," she said.

In July this year, the dialysis center got 27 brand new chairs to replace the unit's 19 dilapidated chairs. These were procured using hospital funds from revenue and collections. The especially designed chairs are equipped with a side table, push

bar, locking caster, BMI calculator, and stretcher lift, among other features.

There are a total of 27 dialysis stations at the center and

can treat patients requiring both acute and chronic hemodialysis.

Saipan Tribune learned that the center has about 102 patients at present, about 15 percent of them mostly non-U.S. citizens who have no insurance

coverage and are being publicly subsidized.

On a yearly basis, the hospital spends from \$1.2 million to \$1.5 million for the treatment of these non-insured dialysis patients, excluding their medicines.

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capture increasingly affluent Asians with a penchant for gambling. They're building glitzy, upscale Las Vegas-style resorts in a bid to copy the runaway success of Asian gambling hubs Macau, which rapidly became the world's biggest casino market after ending a monopoly, and Singapore, where the city-state's first two casinos raked in an estimated \$6 billion a year after their 2010 openings.

The casino boom highlights how the gambling industry is being propelled by the region's rapid economic growth, with millions entering the middle class thanks to rising incomes that allow them to spend more on travel and leisure pursuits. But it has also intensified debate over the social ills and perceived economic benefits of the gambling industry.

"Definitely, the success of Macau has set off a chain reaction in what is happening in the region," said Francis Lui, vice chairman of Macau casino operator Galaxy Entertainment Group. "After the success of Macau and Singapore, of course you see more countries now assessing the pros and cons of having gaming as a driving engine for bigger economic growth."

"In the future the region is going to have more casinos."

The fortunes to be made are immense. After Macau ended a four-decade monopoly and allowed in foreign operators such as Las Vegas Sands Corp., Wynn Resorts and MGM Resorts International, the former Portuguese colony on the southern edge of China quickly overtook the Las Vegas Strip as the world's biggest gambling market. The foreign operators helped supercharge growth in Macau—previously known for its aging, seedy, no-frills casinos—by building flashy gambling palaces drawing wealthy mainland Chinese. Last year the city of just 500,000 people raked in \$33.5 billion in gambling revenue.

In Singapore, the Marina Bay Sands and Resorts World Sentosa, which together cost more than \$10 billion, have put the city on track to becoming the world's second-biggest gambling market.

By 2015, consultants PricewaterhouseCoopers predict the surge in Asian casino revenues will have "fundamentally reshaped the landscape of the global industry" and help Asia edge out the United States as the world's biggest regional market.

PMC forecasts that the Asia-Pacific gambling market will more than double from \$34.3 billion in 2010 to \$79.3 billion in 2015, surpassing the U.S., which is estimated to grow from \$57.5 billion to

\$73.3 billion in the same period.

A number of projects planned or under way across the region are helping to fulfill that prediction.

Cambodian operator Nagacorp, which runs the only casino in the Southeast Asian city's capital, Phnom Penh, plans to open a \$369 million expansion including hotels and shopping later this year. The company operates buses equipped with massage chairs to pick up punters from neighboring Vietnam.

Vietnam will get its first casino-resort next year. Canadian company Asian Coast Development is set to open a five-star MGM-branded beachfront complex in the southeast. It's part of a \$4.2 billion tourist development aimed at drawing foreign visitors.

Both countries bar their own citizens from entering casinos.

Even the neglected Russian Pacific port city of Vladivostok, perhaps best known as the eastern terminus for the famed Trans-Siberian Railway, plans to get in on the action. Authorities announced plans in May to invite foreign investors to help develop an entertainment zone with no less than 12 casinos aimed at attracting Chinese and other North Asian visitors. When completed, annual revenues could reach \$5.2 billion, according to a forecast by consultants.

was also burglarized. Items stolen were a 15.6" Compact laptop and a Sony digital camera.

The wife said the police told them to check pawnshops and stores selling used items. They went to some pawnshops and stores selling used items but people there wouldn't entertain them. The victim said the police should be the ones investigating this matter because it's their job.

The Department of Public Safety has yet to release any information about the latest burglary. **(Ferdie de la Torre)**

Burglars strike twice at Capital Hill home

A couple urged police yesterday to take action against the rampant burglary incidents on Saipan after burglars hit their home on Capital Hill for the second time.

"I've been reading many articles about cases like mine. And this has got to stop!" the wife told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

The wife, who requested anonymity, said they are wondering why it's taking law enforcers a long time to act on this problem.

In the last burglary that happened on Aug. 27, 2012, the couple lost a 46" Sony flat screen TV, a 15.6" Toshiba LCD laptop, a 10" HP netbook, a G.E. digital camera, and a 1022 Ruger rifle. The couple discovered the burglary after returning home from work on Aug. 27.

The wife said the suspects entered their house on the second floor of a two-storey duplex building by cutting the screen on the bathroom window. "I think we're being watched," she said.

On Jan. 10, 2011, the couple's unit

don't have authority to do that," he told Ogomoro during yesterday's meeting.

Rep. Tony Sablan (R-Saipan) reminded Ogomoro that the House's task is to initiate impeachment proceedings and the Senate will be the one to decide whether to convict the governor or not, so it's at the Senate where the governor could and should defend himself and not at the House.

Ogomoro reiterated that she cannot decide on the impeachment resolution until she hears from the one being impeached. She said her goal is not to decide whether to convict the governor or not.

House legal counsels John Cool, Joe Tajeron, Deleon Guerrero, and Ogomoro argued back and forth on the matter.

Deleon Guerrero said if Ogomoro brings up the matter again despite the opinions of the legal counsels and the constitutional and statutory guidelines and regulations at hand, he would have to repeat what these laws and rule state or if Ogomoro makes a formal motion, then the members would act on that motion.

House Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan) appointed eight members to the committee—four from the minority bloc who are among the co-authors of the impeachment resolution, and four from the House leadership that is aligned with the governor.

The minority bloc members of the special committee were all present yes-

terday: Joe Deleon Guerrero, Sablan, Rep. Ray Tebuteb (R-Saipan), and Rep. Frank Dela Cruz (R-Saipan).

Of the four from the leadership, only Ogomoro and Rep. Fred Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) showed up.

The House legal counsels and chair also went over the constitutional provisions on impeachment, and the relevant CNMI laws and legislatures rules or authorities.

Rules of procedure

The special committee rules were adopted by a vote of 6-0.

Among others, the rules state that special committee meetings will be open to the public, except for portions of the meeting that may be held in executive session.

On voting, the special committee rules say "committee action shall be taken by a vote of the majority of the committee members present and voting."

"In the event of a tie vote, the matter will be considered neither adopted nor rejected, and will be reported to the full House for action," it states.

'Farce'

The members present voted to amend the agenda to include a public comment period, the chairman's letter to the governor, and the leadership members' letter to the chairman.

Frederick Prosser, the only one who stood up during the public comment

In Japan, where legalization has been debated for years, lawmakers have been inching closer to approving casinos as a way to stimulate the economy and boost tourism following last year's devastating tsunami and nuclear disaster.

But not everyone is convinced it's a gamble that will economically benefit Japan, which already allows gambling on horse, boat and bicycle racing as well as slots.

"If we get casinos in Japan, that will destroy the nation," said Ken Wakamiya, an author and anti-gambling activist.

He pointed out that pachinko, a slot machine-like game, is one of the country's most popular forms of gambling. But he said it's played widely by poor people and as a result

CASTRO

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tro in the nomination letter.

In a statement, the governor said that Castro has long demonstrated a steadfast commitment to public service and has an outstanding record from his time as an attorney, an attorney general, associate judge, presiding judge, associate justice, and, most recently, as acting chief justice.

"He is ethical, hardworking, and an advocate for fairness in the courtroom," Fitial said.

In a statement yesterday, Castro said he is humbly accepting the challenges that lie ahead. He said the position of chief justice not only deals with maintaining the rule of law in the island communities, but also entails serving as the head of the Commonwealth Judiciary.

"I hope and pray that my 11 years of experience as a prosecutor/defense lawyer, three years as CNMI attorney general, and 23 years as a judge and justice will assist me in carrying out the arduous tasks and responsibilities required of the Office of the Chief Justice," Castro said.

made them even poorer.

"Introducing casinos is a plan to rip off our own people. It is an act of madness," he said.

A similar debate has played out in Taiwan, which will get its first casino after residents on the island of Matsu voted in favor in July. Casinos are banned in Taiwan except on outlying islands, where approval in a referendum is needed.

Some countries are looking to Singapore as a model for how to bring in gambling without the side-effects. The country, which authorized two big casino-resorts as part of an effort turn the Southeast Asian city-state into a gambling and tourism magnet, is tightening what are already some of the strictest measures in Asia to control organized crime and gambling addiction.

He vowed to do his best to maintain the rule of law in the Commonwealth and "keep the doors of justice open to everyone."

It was reported Wednesday that the Senate is poised to ask Castro, Superior Court presiding judge Robert Naraja, or their designee to preside over the impeachment trial if the House impeaches Fitial for felony, corruption, and neglect of duty.

Castro ascended to the CNMI Supreme Court bench on July 9, 1998. In 2005, voters retained him and the late chief justice Demapan. Castro's eight-year term will expire in July 2014.

Last month, Castro submitted at the Commission on Election his notice of intent to be on the ballot for his second retention on the bench this Nov. 6 election.

Justices of the CNMI Supreme Court have terms of eight years and must be retained at the general election immediately before the end of each term by a majority of the votes casts.

Castro has been serving as acting chief justice since Demapan resigned as chief justice due to health reasons on Sept. 30, 2011.

He said Fitial signed the agreement without knowing the type of engine and the specific amount per kilowatt hour that CUC and customers will be charged, among other things.

Instead of tying the CNMI to a diesel power engine for 25 years, Prosser said more efforts should be done to move toward tapping renewable energy sources.

Resolution

House Resolution 17-111 lists 16 articles of impeachment for felony, corruption, and neglect of duty.

Besides the no-bid 25-year power purchase agreement, the issues involved include temporary release of a federal inmate to give the governor a massage in January 2010, the use of armed police and ports police officers to escort and allegedly shield an attorney general from being served a penal summons for criminal charges, and the award of an almost \$400,000 ARRA management contract to a person who just resigned as Commerce secretary.

At least 14 "yes" votes are needed in the 20-member House to impeach the governor; at least six "yes" votes in the nine-member Senate are needed to convict him.

So far, only eight House members have gone on the record to say they will vote "yes" to the resolution, seven of them co-authors of the impeachment resolution.

CLASHES

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chair and House minority bloc leader Joe Deleon Guerrero (R-Saipan) said he wasn't notified in writing or verbally that Palacios was going to Guam, while he was told that Torres was on his way but didn't show up more than two hours since the meeting started at 2:16pm.

Deleon Guerrero said that ample time was given to members to clear their schedules so they could attend the first meeting.

This is the first time in CNMI history that an impeachment resolution has been formally introduced and assigned to a special committee for review and recommendation to the full House.

Opportunity

Vice speaker Felicidad Ogomoro (Cov-Saipan), meanwhile, insisted that the governor should be given an opportunity to answer each of the allegations in the impeachment resolution so she could make a decision that is "fair, impartial, and educated."

Ogomoro specifically asked the committee chair to write Fitial a letter asking him to explain his answer to each of the 16 articles of impeachment.

Deleon Guerrero said they will be going beyond their authority to do this.

"I refuse to go beyond what authority is given to me...I apologize but I

Ad-hoc panel created to start 'meaningful' NMC-BOE tieup

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Members of the CNMI Board of Education and Northern Marianas College Board of Regents began yesterday their joint assembly with presentations of each institution's goals and priorities.

BOE chair Marylou S. Ada and regents chair Juan T. Lizama separately delivered each board's statements and visions and how they are being carried out.

Dubbed as the first assembly of both entities, participants described the "first conversation" as a success following the creation of a six-member ad-hoc committee that will identify areas where both boards can collaborate on.

Ada appointed three of her colleagues—vice chair Tanya King, Herman Guerrero, and Lucy Blanco-Maratita—as BOE's representatives to the panel. Their counterparts from the Board of Regents are vice chair Elaine Orilla, William Torres, and Andrew Orsini.

Yesterday's meeting lasted more than an hour only and discussions centered only on two issues: the goals and priorities for NMC and PSS.

Lizama initially balked at making the ad-hoc appointments yesterday, saying the NMC board could probably discuss it first among themselves and appointment could probably be made at succeeding meetings. Orsini insisted, however, citing the urgency to establish a "meaningful partnership" with PSS.

During their brief presentations, NMC president Sharon

Y. Hart, Ph.D., and Education Commissioner Rita A. Sablan, Ph.D., enumerated the strategic priorities of their respective institutions. Data and records were also shared to give each member information on where each institution stands at present.

Sablan described yesterday's event as "very significant" in achieving and fulfilling the goals for "Students First." According to her, about 40 to 45 percent of public high school graduates each year enroll at NMC. This translates to about 200 to 300 students being absorbed by the college from the islands' five public high schools.

Sablan said PSS wants to ensure that high school students are transitioning smoothly to NMC. Hart assured that NMC prioritizes PSS graduates as soon as they exit high school.

In discussing the role of the community college in the education of every Commonwealth student, Hart said there seems to be some overlaps between the two institutions. Sablan described these overlaps as an indication that both PSS and NMC are working on the same priority, which is to prepare students for college and beyond.

According to Hart, it is important to get PSS' input as the college embarks on a five-year strategic plan. The college president also cited some issues that the two boards may work on such as remedial education.

There was no immediate decision yesterday on when their next joint assembly will be or the first meeting of the newly created ad-hoc panel.



Members of the Northern Marianas College Board of Regents and the CNMI Public School System Board of Education had a joint meeting on Thursday, Sept. 13, 2012, to see how they can increase opportunities for collaboration to advance the educational needs of CNMI students.

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Over 1,000 streetlights get energy-saving LED lamps

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The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. has so far installed over 1,000 new energy-saving bulbs in major streetlights throughout the CNMI, according to power division manager Gary Camacho yesterday.

This effort is part of the agency's second phase of the retrofitting project that aims to install over 1,000 light emitting diodes, or LED, streetlights on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. This project was funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, with grant funds channeled to the Department of Public Works under the guidance of Thelma Inos.

The retrofitting project will replace about 50 percent of the remaining high-pressure sodium streetlights on the three islands.

Prior to the project, some 3,975 streetlights used high-pressure sodium bulbs, according to CUC. These 250-watt bulbs draw 993.75 kilowatts of power, which translates to 4,352,625 kilowatt-hours of energy per year.

All HPS streetlights will be replaced with energy-efficient 140-watt LEDs, reducing both streetlight energy costs and greenhouse gas emissions.

CUC projects an energy savings of up to 44 percent once the installation of LED streetlights is accomplished.

Besides the energy savings, Camacho said the LED lights

will also result in improved night visibility, significantly longer lifespan, reduced maintenance costs, instant-on with no run-up or re-strike delays, no mercury, lead or other known disposable hazards, lower environmental footprint, low operating temperature, and no harmful ultraviolet or infrared emissions.

CUC hired Maeda Pacific to retrofit 1,148 HPS streetlights: 812 for Saipan, 133 for Tinian, and 203 for Rota.

"We have completed the retrofitting of the streetlights that were identified on Saipan and Tinian," said Camacho, adding that the same project is now being done on Rota and is expected to be completed soon.

Camacho said that CUC

power crews are also adjusting streetlights in some areas for aesthetic purposes.

He said that "funding for the HPS public streetlights is increasingly becoming difficult as the cost of the fuel and electricity rise."

He said CUC's revenues continue to be impacted by the high energy consumption of existing streetlights so it is imperative for CUC to continue to identify and implement ways to reduce consumption and operational costs through new technologies such as LED lighting.

CUC is encouraging residents to call the CUC Radio Dispatch at 235-2282 or 235-0282 to report any problems with the newly installed streetlights.

Man arrested for alleged assault

Police arrested Wednesday afternoon on Tinian a 39-year-old man who allegedly dragged a woman inside his house and hugged and kissed her in separate incidents.

Michael Hocog Lizama was arrested for assault and battery, and disturbing the peace. He was set to appear yesterday afternoon for a bail hearing at the Superior Court on Saipan.

A \$10,000 cash bail was initially imposed for Lizama's temporary release.

Police detective Melissa Bauleong stated in her report that police officer Wally Villagomez responded to a house on Tinian on Sunday after receiving a complaint of assault and battery.

The alleged victim told Villagomez that on Aug. 6 Lizama came from behind her and dragged her inside a house in Marpo Valley. The alleged victim struggled, screaming and crying, forcing Lizama to let her go.

Lizama then allegedly apologized to the alleged victim several times throughout the week. Reportedly, he would call her and even go to her house.

On Aug. 30, Lizama came to her house and allegedly hugged her and kissed her on the cheek.

The woman said she was afraid of Lizama because he keeps guns in his house.

Police detective Bauleong said that Lizama has a registered Remington .410 shotgun, Remington .22 caliber rifle, and a Winchester .22 caliber rifle. (Ferdie de la Torre)

CCA to join Aqua Walk

The Commonwealth Cancer Association will be participating at the IT&E and Marianas Walking Association's "Aqua Walk" tomorrow, Sept. 15, 2012.

IT&E, MWA, and CCA staff and volunteers will be at the registration to distribute handouts related to childhood and prostate cancer. The goal of the month's awareness program is to encourage early detection and early treatment of these cancers, with the outcome of a better prognosis.

Aqua Walk, one of IT&E's signature annual events, will take place at the beach at Aquarius Beach Tower hotel in Chalan Kanoa. The course will be in the water or at the beachside.

Registration will begin at 6:30am, and special T-shirts will be handed out to registrants while supplies last.

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Guidelines out on flashing traffic lights

Acting Public Safety Commissioner Ambrosio T. Ogomoro is reminding motorists and pedestrians about the rules governing malfunctioning or out-of-service traffic safety lights.

In a statement yesterday, Ogomoro issued the following guidelines:

When a red or yellow flashing light is used as a traffic signal it shall require obedience by vehicular traffic as follows:

(a) Flashing red (stop signal). When a red flashing light is used as a traffic signal at an intersection, operators of vehicles shall stop before entering the nearest crosswalk at an intersection or at a limit line when

marked or, if none then before entering the intersection. The right to proceed is subject to the rules applicable after making a stop at a stop sign.

(b) Flashing yellow (caution signal). When a yellow flashing light is used as a traffic signal, operators of vehicles may proceed through the intersection or past the signal only with caution.

"Please observe all traffic signals, devices and obey all traffic laws," said Ogomoro. "In recognition of 'Child Passenger Safety Week' I urge everyone to help reduce injuries and save lives by buckling up themselves and their children—every trip, every time." **(DPS)**

PH consulate mourns US envoy's death

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REPORTER

The Philippine Consul General in Guam expressed grief over the death of U.S. Ambassador to Libya J. Christopher Stevens who was killed Tuesday along with three other Americans following the violent assault on the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi.

Bayani V. Mangibin requested for a moment of silence during yesterday's media briefing hosted by the Philippine Consulate General on Saipan.

Mangibin, former Philippine Ambassador to Libya, said he had the opportunity to meet with Stevens, 52, who arrived in the North African country just as Mangibin was about to wrap up his diplomatic mission.

He described Stevens as a gentleman, hardworking, clever, and very unassuming, saying that his tragic death was very unfortunate.

"Chris Stevens was one of those responsible for the founding of a 'new' Libya," said Mangibin. "It's disheartening to find out that a country that he loved and helped build would



This April 11, 2011 file photo shows U.S. Ambassador Chris Stevens.

be the one to put an end to the good things he has initiated."

Mangibin and Guam Consul Edgar Tomas "Gary" Q. Auxilian arrived on Saipan Monday to meet with Filipino community leaders and local government officials as part of the transfer of responsibilities of the Saipan Consulate to its Guam counterpart.

Prior to serving as Guam Consul General, Mangibin was the Philippine Ambassador to Iraq.

Kilili supports extension of foreign investor visas

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) added his voice of support for extension of foreign investor visas during debate on S. 3245 in the House of Representatives yesterday. The bill authorizes the EB-5 Regional Center Program for another three years.

EB-5 investors must invest a minimum of \$1 million, or

\$500,000 in rural areas or areas of high unemployment. The investment must create or preserve at least 10 full-time jobs for U.S. workers. In return investors are granted a conditional permanent resident status in the United States.

In designated EB-5 Regional Centers investors may count jobs created indirectly toward the 10 jobs requirement. Re-

gional Centers are areas in particular need of economic development.

"I am aware of several applications to establish regional centers in the Northern Marianas," Sablan said. "They are currently in the review process."

"But without this extension, these applications would have expired at the end of this month, and this opportunity for

economic development in the Northern Marianas would have been lost."

Proposals currently on the table are projected to create over 1,500 jobs and bring millions of dollars into the Northern Marianas economy.

S. 3245 has already passed the U.S. Senate. The House is scheduled to vote on the measure on Thursday, 9/13. If that vote is favorable, S. 3245 then goes to the President for his signature into law. **(PR)**



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Auditions open for 2nd CNMI Got Talent

The search is on for the most talented solo or group acts in the Commonwealth to win the CNMI Got Talent Search sponsored by Bridge Capital LLC.

Now on its second year, CNMI Got Talent is part of the efforts of Bridge Capital to encourage islanders to demonstrate their creativity and skills.

The competition is open to anyone, young and old, who can perform any type of act, be it singing, dancing, playing instruments, or any form of talent.

Interested applicants may register for the contest by filling out an application form and submitting a DVD or any video copy of their audition piece at the Bridge Capital Building along Micro Beach Road in Garapan.

Deadline for submissions is

by 5pm on Oct. 22.

Application forms as well as contest rules and regulations are available at the Bridge Capital website: <http://bccnmi.com/cnmi-got-talent2.html>.

A panel of judges will determine the 15 most entertaining

acts from all audition pieces that will be submitted. The selected performers will perform in the grand finals to be held at Pacific Islands Club on Dec. 14.

A total of \$7,000 worth of prizes await the winners of the 2nd CNMI Got Talent Search,

including the grand prize of \$2,000.

For more information, visit the Bridge Capital office or email Mark Badal at mark.badal@bccnmi.com or Rowena Relado at rowena@bccnmi.com. (Clarissa V. David)

Movie night at Church 360 on Sept. 15

Church 360, a contemporary non-denominational Christian church on Saipan, is inviting the community to a free movie night on Saturday, Sept. 15, at 7pm.

Pastor Aaron Wood said the featured "family friendly" film will captivate the audience as it depicts the life of a father and his son.

"Everyone who enjoys

movies that embrace the struggles and the joys of a family will love this film," added Wood.

Free popcorn and water will be served to moviegoers, but they are also allowed to bring their own food and non-alcoholic beverages.

Church 360 has hosted several movie nights in the past, including the 2006 American

Christian drama *Facing the Giants* in June and the independent Christian drama film about law enforcement officers called *Courageous* in April.

For more information, visit Church 360 at Suite 103 on the ground floor of Marianas Business Plaza, call 888-2116 or email info@church360saipan.org. (Clarissa V. David)

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Sept. 14, 1999

OPA upholds award of NMC project to Telesource

The Office of the Public Auditor yesterday upheld the Department of Public Works' awarding of contract to Telesource CNMI, Inc. for the installation of two pre-engineered buildings for the Northern Marianas College's Tinian campus. OPA's opinion on the Telesource contract was contained in a decision in which Public Auditor Leo LaMotte dismissed the protest filed by another bidder, Sablan Construction Company Ltd. Sablan Construction had argued that Telesource should not be awarded the contract for the NMC project "because it failed to timely submit required bid documents." OPA investigation, however, found that the late submission of the required documents "was caused by an error in the distribution of the bid package by DPW."

Babauta to push amendment to garment cap measure

The chair of the House Commerce and Tourism Committee will seek a meeting with Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio to clarify the intent of a measure he vetoed last week that would have amended the law imposing a cap on the number of alien workers employed in garment factories. Rep. Oscar M. Babauta, proponent of the legislation, said the proposal would have given flexibility to garment firms to absorb the employment quota provided to another company that decides to merge its operations. This will not increase the number of guest workers in the sector as Tenorio claimed when he disapproved the bill last week, according to the representatives.

Sept. 14, 2000

High court upholds decision on land exchange

The Supreme Court yesterday upheld a decision by the Superior Court which ruled that the Marianas Public Land Corp. had no duty to consummate the land exchange with ailing businessman Luis Benavente. "If there is no public purpose to be served, the government is not legally or equitably bound to complete the exchange," the court said in a decision issued by Supreme Court Justices Pro Tem Juan T. Lizama, Timothy H. Bellas, and Marty W.K. Taylor. The high court noted that to obtain land by exchange, the governor must certify its public purpose. Former Gov. Larry Guerrero had originally certified the land was needed for public use but then Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio reversed the certification.

CRM wants fishing activities curbed

The Coastal Resources Management has urged lawmakers to pass legislation restricting fishing activities in CNMI waters in an effort to protect diminishing marine resources on the islands. Peter J. Barlas, acting CRM director, said that while his office regulates use of marine resources, it does not have power or the technical expertise to perform such function. He maintained "improper and unethical" fishing methods have impacted on the degradation of natural resources and the legislative proposal will help deter further damage. HB 12-249, otherwise known as the Marine Protection Act of 2000, seeks to prohibit destructive fishing practices in the Commonwealth in order to preserve the livelihood of local fishermen.

Sept. 14, 2001

Bomb threats grip Saipan schools

Emergency response teams and police officers cleared the Northern Marianas College and the Garapan HeadStart of students and other school personnel after receiving two separate bomb threats early morning yesterday. The threats turned out to be hoaxes. The bomb scare came amid the implementation of high-alert level throughout the Northern Marianas, following the terrorist attacks in New York City and Washington DC. At the college, students scampered in different directions, while teachers and other NMC personnel ran out of their offices after a prank caller told authorities that five bombs were planted in five separate buildings inside the campus yesterday morning.

Utility expenses of govt under scrutiny

The Senate Fiscal Affairs Committee wants an itemized breakdown of the utilities expenses of the Commonwealth government, as it scrutinizes the Fiscal Year 2002 budget that was recently passed by the House of Representatives. To this end, committee chair Sen. Edward U. Maratita said he has written a letter to the Department of Finance and the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. to furnish him with an itemized breakdown of the electric bill of the CNMI government in Fiscal Year 2001.

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A long list of urgent tasks left

If members of Congress, like school students, had to turn in an essay on "What I did last summer," it wouldn't take long to write. They didn't do much in the months leading up to August except engage in political infighting and perhaps scrounge around for scandals that might embarrass the Obama administration.

Exhausted from their labors, they then took a long recess. Thanks a lot, folks. Way to earn your pay.

This week, they're back, facing an unfinished agenda that would require months, if not a full session, to clear up. Yet only a scant few weeks remain before lawmakers take a pre-election recess and then almost surely find themselves forced to return to the Capitol for a lame-duck session to finish the work they've left undone.

Topping the urgent to-do list is a six-month temporary bill to finance the government. The fiscal year ends on Sept. 30, but members have been too busy trying to score political points to actually perform one of their most basic tasks. Par for the course for the 112th Congress.

Given this poor record, the only reason to hope for action is that lawmakers realize that their standing with the voters is already at record low levels. Forcing another showdown over keeping the government open right before the Nov. 6 election would ensure that their approval ratings would sink even lower, if that's possible.

But wait. There's more.

Like leaving farmers across the nation high and dry due to the failure to provide a farmers' relief bill amid one of the worst droughts in decades. Like extending a tax relief program for homeowners getting rid of their properties in short sales to avoid foreclosure. Like figuring out what to do about the looming "fiscal cliff" at the end of the year that, if left unaddressed, would almost surely drive the economy back into a tailspin.

Each of these measures is urgent because it involves a key sector of the economy and millions of Americans who are not asking members of Congress to do any heavy lifting—just their basic jobs. The failure to advance the farm bill is particularly striking given the customary non-partisan popularity of helping farmers and the growing number of counties across the country that have been declared agricultural disaster areas.

Folks need help in the cities, as well—especially in places like South Florida that were hit hard by the housing collapse. Homeowners involved in a "short sale" could face a hefty tax bill unless Congress extends a law passed in 2007 that exempts them from owing money on the difference between the sale price and the underwater mortgage value. This, too, is a no-brainer for Congress.

And there is yet more, including a cybersecurity bill that ran into a filibuster just before the recess, averting a 30 percent cut in physicians' Medicare fees and proposals to reform the Postal Service.

Can Congress do all this before its time expires? Doubtful, given the record so far. But members should at least try, which is more than they've done so far.

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The president's global report card

Grading President Obama's foreign-policy record is not as easy as the Democrats—or the Republicans—want you to believe.

Republicans rail that Obama has abandoned our role as leader of "the free world." The Dems believe they have an edge over Republicans on national security, and recent polls say the public backs them. That's why, unlike Mitt Romney, Obama stressed foreign policy in his convention speech.

Obama's message: The Iraq war is over, the Afghan war is ending, al-Qaeda is on the run, and we can turn to nation-building at home. As the best bumper sticker in Charlotte put it: "Bin Laden is dead and GM is alive." This slogan is compelling, but far from complete.

Obama's foreign-policy record is dogged by mixed grades and unfinished business. But the Republican attack is blunted by a lack of foreign-policy credibility.

The president gets an A for recognizing how much the world changed in the decade before he took office. The United States confronts no single powerful enemy. (Sorry, Mitt, Moscow is no longer our top geopolitical foe.)

Freed from the Cold War straitjacket, many other nations no longer feel the need to do America's bidding. New regional powers—China, India, the new Russia, Turkey, Brazil—have the economic heft to choose their own directions.

Recognizing this reality does not mean abandoning U.S. leadership, as Republicans claim. (The GOP still gets a D when it comes to grasping this new world; that rating might be higher if party hardliners had not squelched Republican moderates.)

In the new world, any U.S. leader must think more carefully about how and when to exert American power—especially when finances are tight.

Which brings us to Obama's handling of America's two big wars.

Again, Obama deserves an A for analysis on Iraq and Afghanistan. The botched U.S. occupation of Iraq, and the devastation it wrought, undercut America's standing in the Mideast and beyond. It removed our focus from Afghanistan during critical years. Give the Republicans an F on both.

The president's grade drops, however, when it comes to his handling of our Iraq exit. Yes, the Bush team created a mess, and yes, Obama brought the troops home as promised (although an accord negotiated by the Bush team already required the troop withdrawal). But White House efforts to stabilize Iraq's government failed, as did efforts to negotiate a small follow-on U.S. troop presence. Iran now has more influence in Iraq than does the United States. Give Obama a B-minus on Iraq.

As for Afghanistan, yes, the troops are set to come home by the end of 2014. (Romney appears to endorse that date, although quarreling with the pace of withdrawal while presenting no alternative plan.)

However, the White House gives no clue as to what will occur if Afghan forces we're training can't handle security after we leave

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and the country collapses back into civil war. So far, the administration has failed to prod the Taliban into negotiations over a political endgame. On Afghanistan, the administration gets an Incomplete, but could end up with a poor grade.

True, the president deserves an A for his tough decision to send the Navy SEALs in to get Osama bin Laden. Another A for decimating al-Qaida with drones. Yet no one, not Obama and definitely not Romney, has figured out what to do about Pakistan—which contains terrorists and nukes.

On the Mideast peace process, Obama had the right ideas but poor implementation—a C grade. On the Arab Spring, the Libyan operation gets an A, but Syria needs more attention.

Then there's Iran.

While the White House gets an A for organizing harsh sanctions on Tehran, its early effort to engage the ayatollahs failed. The administration is still working to halt Iran's nuclear enrichment program. Overall grade on Iran: Incomplete. (The Republican rush to war—with Israeli or U.S. planes—would be a disaster.)

Bottom line: The Obama performance on foreign policy leaves much unsettled. On Russia, the "reset" produced mixed results; despite intense U.S. efforts, China is aggressively flexing its military and economic muscles.

But the Republicans have no better—or worse—answers. And some of Romney's top advisers are the same men who created the debacle in Iraq.

Moreover, and this is key, Obama grasps that America can't exert continued global leadership if it doesn't rebuild its economy. The GOP plan to slash taxes while boosting defense spending guarantees rising deficits that will undermine America's international standing. That kind of leadership will convince China that America is declining.

The best indicator of Obama's foreign-policy smarts may indeed be his decision to save General Motors: The auto industry is central to America's reputation abroad, and morale at home. Its recovery shows the potential for U.S. growth and innovation.

That decision deserves an A, and indicates the key to any future president's foreign-policy performance. The United States won't be able to lead abroad unless it can resolve its economic problems at home.

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Subs and a gimlet eye

As local headlines and scandals attest, Saipan has been so busy stealing itself blind that it probably can't even see to Managaha Island anymore. But don't worry, I've been keeping a keen vigil from my beach chair. So allow me to don my eye patch for dramatic pirate effect, then use my remaining gimlet eye to survey the strategic situation. Indeed, if you've noticed our regional news, you'll note that the west Pacific's military equation is getting ever warmer, as more islands, rocks, and shoals join the list of hotly disputed turf.

As various nations growl at each other, I'm trying to separate the bark from the bite, so I can envision how things might eventually play out. I think a good way to find the serious players is to look at who is serious about submarine fleets.

I'll tally some of the various fleets some other time, if ever. But today I'm just mentioning why I think submarines are a good index of which navies are really serious about things. The bigger navies have a lot of subs, of course, but it's the not-so-big navies I'm pondering today.

On that note, much of the west Pacific balance is going to depend on what the small- and medium- sized fleets do. This isn't just a "multipolar" gig, it's a downright chaotic scrum of over a dozen fleets.

Navies, like all militaries, have competing doctrines and specialties within their own ranks. So by focusing on submarines, I'm not trying to discount the other stuff such as surface ships, aircraft, and such. In reality, all serious navies use a mixture of these assets to perform their missions.

Still, given the nature of things in the west Pacific, I think that a fleet without a capable submarine presence is risking getting hit

without being able to hit back.

There's a lot of vulnerability for ships these days. You can thank cruise missiles for that. Unless you can control an entire chunk of area around your fleet—I'm talking thousands of square miles—you're going to get an Exocet up your snoot.

The math? OK. Let's assume you want to secure a mere 40-mile radius around your ship. Many cruise missiles go a lot further than that, but I'm keeping things conservative. So, just confining ourselves to the plane of the surface, not the volume of air above it, nor of ocean beneath it, you'd need to secure over 5,000 square miles of area.

Even advanced navies have a hard time securing the smallest of areas from missile encroachment. In 1982, Argentina hosed at least two British warships with Exocets. And the Iraqi military, hardly a superpower, smoked a U.S. Navy frigate with an Exocet as well in 1987.

And we're talking old-school missiles, by the way, made before many *Saipan Tribune* readers were even born. Newer missiles are far nastier.

I'm not saying that ships aren't important. But I am saying that merely having a few nice-looking ships as token fleet, showing the flag and such, isn't always going to cut the mustard in the west Pacific. Much of that stuff is showmanship. Not bad if you've got something to back it up with. But not all do.

By contrast, submarines are the opposite of showmanship. Those guys hide until it's time to get down to business.

The vast majority of submarines in the west Pacific are diesel-powered, not nuclear-powered, but diesels can pack a lot of punch if they are used correctly.

Time for a fast case study? OK. One military I always heed is Vietnam. It's hardly a rich country. Yet the Vietnamese bloodied three large powers in the post-WWII era: France, the U.S., and Chi-

Two parties, not quite two planets. But almost

CHARLOTTE, N.C.—After two weeks of convention immersion, several things are clear.

On the political trail, for example, there's no such thing as enough clean socks or ibuprofen. And beware the shortcomings of second-tier cities. Tampa and Charlotte handle massive conventions like an Oompa-Loompa would handle playing center for the Knicks—they just can't execute.

Most of all, though, what became clear were the ways in which the parties are alike, and the ways in which they are very, very different.

For instance, both conventions pose a dilemma for speakers, who stand in front of ferocious partisans while trying to woo the undecideds watching at home. Most speechifiers in both parties decided not to appeal to swing voters, likely because they feared attendees would respond to moderate messaging by hurling placards and cold chicken fingers.

So most of the Republican speakers aimed at the true believers, saying basically: "Democrats want a government so powerful it can make you watch PBS documentaries on folk music, wear hemp and force your children to view gay porn during sex-ed class. We, though, will lower your taxes so much you'll be getting paid to be American, and still provide a live-in physician for every senior. Un-

der the Democrats, Medicare will soon consist of only Band-Aids, fluoridated water, mandatory Zumba classes and nutrition seminars. Is that what you want? IS IT?"

Many Democratic speakers wrote their sermons for the choir too. Essentially, they said, "We are the party of abortion. And condoms. For free. And we really don't want being a woman to be a pre-existing condition. OK, we know it's a pre-existing condition, like being human, but we don't want insurance companies to bill based on it. Government should actively encourage gay marriage, by sending newlywed gays a china place setting or George Foreman Grill. You should be able to vote by showing election workers a lottery ticket with your name written on it in pencil. Under Republicans, Medicare will be reduced to nothing but leeches and whiskey. But with us at the wheel, seniors will get daily massages on Uncle Sam, every joint replaced, and, of course, free abortions and condoms."

Any swing voters glued to C-SPAN may well end this process by looking harder at Canadian immigration options than American presidential candidates.

But what stood out most is that attendees at these two galas don't just differ in their politics. They appear to hail from two different nations, or galaxies.

would be in much more dire circumstances.

Since September 2011, MPLT has been very supportive of trying to help CHC. We initially indicated a willingness to help and have since agreed to provide \$11.58 million for CHC's line of credit loan request. MPLT, however, requires that CHC produce and provide a business plan, cash flow forecasts, plan for improving billings and collections, etc. ... None of these required documents has been received to date. We also required legislation to provide MPLT with the ability to recover any loan to CHC that may result in a default by offsetting future distributions of interest accrued on the trust proceeds to the CNMI General Fund. This legislation was eventually passed but does not guaranty MPLT approving this loan if CHC cannot pass MPLT's due diligence process, such as the ability to service the debt. We have extended help to CHC and have been working with them ever since to overcome the current loan issues, but MPLT cannot blindly make a loan when there is no ability for repayment.

Ms. Doty also reported that due to MPLT not approving any additional funds above the \$4.5 million already approved, Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos made a special request for \$2.2 million immediate cash-injection three weeks ago but was met with nothing but silence. This report holds no facts and is grossly incorrect. We discussed this request with the lieutenant governor and ways to help CHC. Our lawyer and trustees' consultant continued such discussion with the lieutenant governor and his staff and provided him with a draft bill to increase the "sin" taxes as a way to fund CHC debt service to MPLT. We indicated to the lieutenant governor that with this legislation in place MPLT would be willing to approve such loan to CHC.

By **ED STEPHENS**

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na. Vietnam knows how to look after itself. And, despite its humble financial circumstances, with a per-capita GDP of only \$1,400 or so, Vietnam has ordered six Kilo-class submarines from Russia.

Here's another smart nation: Singapore. It's tiny, with a population of just 5 million people. That's smaller than many Asian cities. Heck, that's probably smaller than many Asian traffic jams I've seen. Yet even Singapore has a fleet of six subs.

Six diesel subs, admittedly, won't get a whole lot done, given that some will be in port for maintenance and provisioning, and others will be in transit to and from their operating areas. Still, it's a start. Over the next few years, I'll be interested to see if the small sub fleets grow into more substantial ones; I expect they will.

Overall, then, as headlines huff and puff over various maritime disputes and claims, and as everyone is talking nautical smack, I think the serious players, be they big, medium, or small, are the ones with submarines. And, as things play out, some fleets will simply back down and yield to stronger fleets, since the alternatives won't be pretty.

There's more to be said on that note. But for now it's time to take off my pirate's eye patch and muster the buccaneers for grog.

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There is, of course, the race and ethnicity thing. The Republican delegations were so white that the few minority members stood out like ... there's no analogy that won't get me in trouble. The Democrats had a lot more minorities, and a lot darker hair and skin even among the white attendees.

Clothing-wise (and obviously there were exceptions), the Republicans wore suits and dresses, ties and high heels, makeup and monogrammed shirts. The Democrats wore jeans and, for the ladies, jeans. They rocked flip-flops and flats, sneakers and T-shirts, granny dresses and ironic eyeglasses.

So where are we Americans, post-convention, in this quadrennial election process? Right where we were two weeks ago, except for swing voters at home who really paid attention. They're on their way to Toronto.

Ms. Doty never contacted MPLT to ask our comments on this issue to check and verify her facts before she published her article. Ms. Alexie V. Zotomayor, who reports for the *Marianas Variety* on MPLT matters, has always checked her facts for accuracy and we appreciate that. On the other hand, Ms. Doty writes of what she believes regardless and is guilty of a very sloppy and false reporting on this issue as it applies to MPLT.

MPLT trustees respectfully request that *Marianas Variety* and especially Ms. Doty to get her facts in order first before reporting on MPLT actions and policies.

Pedro R. Deleon Guerrero

Chairman, Marianas Public Land Trust

The right time for the youth

Why don't we ask for help from young voters or people who are first time voters to campaign for a responsible leader? Young students, voters, and the young generations should have stands in this coming election! Let us hear from them what leadership and community they want to live in. Let them do something worthwhile for this coming election. We need their support against bad leadership. We want and we need changes, so let us let the young ones make a difference for their future! This is the right time.

Jo-Ann Cruzana

Chalan Kanoa, Saipan

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sloppy reporting

On Sept. 7, 2012, *Marianas Variety* reporter Tammy Doty reported a story titled "Paralyzed child fights for survival." She wrote about a particular child suffering in the ICU wherein a nutritional supplement PediaSure is required to keep the child alive. This article stated that the medical supply item was not available at CHC and the parents had to "beg" for donations from pharmacies and the community. She outlined other situations at CHC resulting from substandard care due to the collapsing financial capability of the institution. While MPLT does not take exception to the problems CHC is facing, we do take exception to the way Ms. Doty characterized and portrayed MPLT in a very unfair manner when she said, "To add insult to injury, the Marianas Public Land Trust has steadfastly refused to approve any further CHC credit-line drawdowns because no confidence exists in a payback plan." This remark appears biased by inferring that MPLT is the cause of CHC's current financial difficulties.

For your information, MPLT approved a \$4.58 million loan as is indicated in Ms. Doty's article. Of that, \$1.58 million is for the establishment and improvement of the CHC's Electronic Health Records System. As of April 18, 2012, a total of \$3 million was issued to CHC. This was done due to the impending collapse of CHC. I can assure you that had MPLT stayed silent then and did nothing, CHC

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Partly sunny with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 5 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲86 ▼78
Palau	Showers	▲84 ▼76
Yap	Showers	▲88 ▼77
Chuuk	Showers	▲88 ▼77
Pohnpei	Showers	▲88 ▼75
Kosrae	Showers	▲88 ▼75
Majuro	Showers	▲87 ▼80

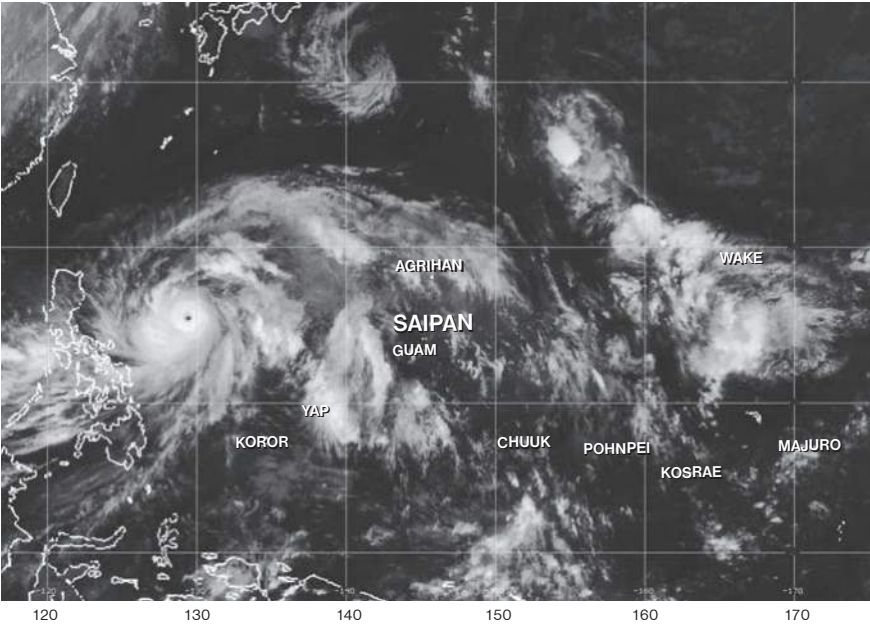
Around The Globe

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Beijing	Mostly Sunny	▲79 ▼53
Hong Kong	Mostly Sunny	▲88 ▼76
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	▲85 ▼74
London	Mostly Cloudy	▲68 ▼52
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲91 ▼69
Manila	Thundershowers	▲83 ▼78
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲63 ▼46
Miami	Thundershowers	▲85 ▼78
New York	Sunny	▲80 ▼61
Osaka	Thunderstorms	▲88 ▼75
Paris	Mostly Cloudy	▲71 ▼57
Pusan	Rain	▲73 ▼67
Rome	Showers	▲69 ▼59
Salem	Sunny	▲93 ▼54
San Francisco	Mostl Sunny	▲73 ▼57
Seoul	Cloudy	▲75 ▼63
Tokyo	Sunny	▲89 ▼75
Washington, DC	Sunny	▲83 ▼64

Tides

Saipan Harbor			
1:11 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.9 Feet
6:36 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
1:24 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.1 Feet
7:51 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2012

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Typhoon Sanba (17W) is centered 630 miles north-northwest of Koror at 15N130E moving north-northwest at 8 mph with maximum sustained winds of 105 mph. Widespread rain with numerous heavy showers and isolated thunderstorms are found near the center west of a line from 16N131E to 13N131E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are between 10N and 14N from 130E to 133E. For more information on Typhoon Sanba, see bulletins issued by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN31 PGWT. A monsoon trough runs southeastward from Typhoon Sanba to west of Chuuk at 8N147E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are seen within 200 miles of the trough axis. A near equatorial trough runs from 2N147E to EQ156E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are found within 100 miles of the trough axis. Another surface trough curves northwestward from 11N163E to 25N154E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are along and up to 450 miles northeast of the trough axis.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:05 AM	6:19 PM
Saturday	6:06 AM	6:19 PM
Sunday	6:06 AM	6:18 PM
Monday	6:06 AM	6:17 PM
Tuesday	6:06 AM	6:16 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	4:03 AM	4:45 PM
Saturday	4:57 AM	5:29 PM
Sunday	5:53 AM	6:13 PM
Monday	6:50 AM	6:59 PM
Tuesday	7:49 AM	7:48 PM

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SAIPAN (SPN)-ROTA (ROP)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN (SPN)			
UA5062	2:40am	3:15am	1, 3, 5	UA5062	3:40am	4:15am	1, 3, 5
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA5070	4:35am	5:25am	2, 4, 6, 7	UA5062	2:40am	4:20am	1, 3, 5 via ROP
UA5062	4:50am	5:40am	1, 3, 5	UA 5069	2:45am	3:35am	2, 4, 6, 7
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	Daily	UA5071	7:10am	8:00am	Daily
UA5074	11:30am	12:20pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA5073	10:05am	10:55am	Daily
UA5076	3:10pm	4:00pm	Daily	UA5075	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5078	6:50pm	7:40pm	Daily	UA5077	5:25pm	6:15pm	Daily
UA5072	9:55pm	10:45pm	Daily	UA5079	8:35pm	9:25pm	Daily
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	8:45am	Daily	DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL285	6:30am	9:15am	1, 3, 5, 7	DL286	7:40pm	12:15am+1	2, 4, 6, 7
DL297	4:35pm	7:20pm	Daily	DL288	8:15pm	12:50am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1	OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily
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OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily	OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN (SPN)-PUSAN (BUS)				PUSAN (BUS)-SAIPAN (SPN)			
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SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
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SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
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DL287/173	6:05am	10:00pm	Daily via NRT	OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
UA5076/183	3:10pm	8:45pm	Daily via GUM	OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA5076/193	3:10pm	10:25pm	2, 5 via GUM-Palau	PR110/UA5071	10:10pm	8:00am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	Daily via ICN	UA192/5071	9:45pm	8:00am+1	2, 5 via GUM-Palau
UA5072/PR111	9:55pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM	UA184/5071	10:55pm	8:00am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
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FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
Guam-Rota				FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
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Mangibin: Commitment, not presence, is important

By **CLARISSA V. DAVID**
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REPORTER

Consul General Bayani V. Mangibin said yesterday that the Philippine Consulate General in Guam is ready to rise to the challenge as it takes over the consular responsibilities of the consulate on Saipan, adding that their commitment to help the Filipino community in the CNMI is more important than their presence on the islands.

Mangibin said in a media briefing that the Guam Consulate is still capable of accomplishing its basic duties of documentation, facilitation, and coordination for Filipino workers in the Commonwealth, whether here or in Guam.

"The most important thing is not presence but commitment—commitment on the part of the Guam consulate to serve the Filipinos in the Northern Marianas and commitment from the Filipino community itself to make this possible. Through this commitment, we can alleviate the apprehensions of one another and we hope to adequately provide service to the people here," he said.

Mangibin and Consul Edgar Tomas "Gary" Q. Auxilian arrived on Saipan Monday—

their first visit on island since the announcement in February that the Saipan Consulate General will shut down after Oct. 31 as part of a wider effort to consolidate foreign service posts in the Pacific.

Mangibin acknowledged that the impending closure of the Saipan consulate has cast more concerns and doubts on top of the uncertainties that Filipinos in the Commonwealth already have to deal with in relation to the federalization transition period.

"The pressure is mostly on us," he told reporters. "There is a challenge to provide services to the Filipino community in the CNMI to the best of our ability to make them feel that we did not turn our backs on them, given the closure of the Saipan consulate and the remoteness of Guam to the Northern Marianas."

But thanks to modern communication technology, Mangibin said the Guam consulate will be able to bridge the distance separating the two island jurisdictions, allowing Filipinos in the Northern Marianas access to the Guam Consulate through phone call, email, website, and even their Facebook account.

"We'll use all social media

to maintain what the Saipan consulate has done for the community here. The process and the responsibilities are the same. The only difference would be the approach," he said as he urged the community to check the Guam Consulate's Facebook page, email pcgagana@ite.net or log on to www.pcgagana.com for their consular needs.

Mangibin said they are also considering Macaraig's recommendation to have a (670) contact number so that Filipinos in the Northern Marianas can call them for assistance without incurring long distance charges in their phone bills.

He disclosed that Consul Auxilian has been assigned as the point of contact for Filipino workers in the CNMI at the Guam consulate. Subject to the approval of the Department of Foreign Affairs in Manila, Auxilian will be back on island by the end of the month in anticipation of Macaraig's departure to his next assignment in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia by Oct. 15.

Besides utilizing social media, Mangibin said there will be at least twice-a-year mobile consular services on Saipan, and at least annual visits to Tinian and Rota. He said the frequency of the mobile services

may increase depending on "practicability" and "seriousness and immediacy of needs" in any of the three islands.

Additionally, Mangibin said they support Macaraig's recommendation to have an honorary consul for each of the three islands, who will have to be approved by the U.S. State Department. "While it is true that the Saipan consulate will close down, the truth is that there will be four of us who will take their place."

Mangibin and Auxilian's five-day visit is part and parcel of the preparations involving the transfer of responsibilities from the consulate on Saipan to Guam.

Mangibin and Auxilian were accompanied by Macaraig in

courtesy visits to Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, House Speaker Eli Cabrera, and Senate President Paul Manglona.

Last Tuesday, Macaraig introduced the two Guam officials to Filipino community leaders at the Filipino Workers Resource Center—a meeting that resulted in the umbrella group United Filipino Organization accepting the challenge of being the Guam consulate's contact in the CNMI.

Recognizing the difficulties in any transition period, Mangibin called on the help of the Filipino community on Saipan in ensuring their success in taking over the responsibilities of the Saipan consulate and to serve Filipinos in the Commonwealth for their consular needs.



Mangibin

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

MHS PTA meeting set Tuesday

The first Marianas High School Parent Teacher Association meeting of the school year will be on Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2012, at 6:30pm at the MHS Gym. We urge all parents, guardians, teachers, and students of MHS to come and get involved. For more information, call 237-3206. (PR)

Military training on FDM, Area W-517

The U.S. military will be conducting exercises on the island of Farallon de Mendenilla and Area W-517 south of Guam on Sept. 15 to 21, 2012, from 8am to 11:59pm. The general location of this activity will be on the island of Farallon de Mendenilla training area on a 10 nautical mile radius on all quadrants and W-517, an area comprising 14,000 nautical miles of airspace that begins south of Guam and extends south-southwest into international waters.

The Emergency Management Office, Office is strongly advising the public—especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators—to stay away from this area during the time and dates indicated. (PR)

Fitial to appear on Marianas Agupa

This Saturday, Sept. 15, 2012, Marianas Agupa will feature

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial to talk about abuse issues surrounding the accusations of wrongdoing and to explain his side to the people of the Commonwealth. The show is from 9am to 11am on Magic 100.3 FM; the governor will be on air by 10am. Listeners on Saipan, Tinian and Rota and those listening via streaming are encouraged to call in and ask questions during the show (direct to studio at 234-5929 or use *Marianas Agupa's* Facebook account via instant messaging). The Chamorro radio talk show program is hosted by Glenn H. Manglona. Simultaneous Internet streaming via www.magic100radio.com will be available. (PR)

Financial Aid Family Night in Koblerville

The College Access Challenge Grant will be hosting a "Financial Aid Family Night" at the Koblerville Youth Learning Center on Sept. 18, 2012, at 5pm. The community will learn more about tuition assistance and how to fill out the forms. (PR)

MHS Class of '83 meeting today

The MHS Class of 1983 would like to invite everyone to join their general meeting today, Sept. 14, 2012, at the Beach Road pavilion, Garapan, 7pm. If you have any question, call Tonnei Camacho at 483-9665. (PR)



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PROCUREMENT AND DELIVERY OF TWO (2) SALT WATER OUTBOARD MOTOR ENGINE PROJECT NO. CPA-RFP-008-12

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Commonwealth Ports Authority is soliciting competitive sealed proposals for the procurement and delivery of two (2) Salt Water Outboard Motor Engine for CPA's watercraft Boston Whaler.

The proposal must include all costs for parts, accessories and labor in the installation of these engines including electrical components which may not be part of the engine accessories but must be installed in order that these engines may operate with maximum efficiency. Proposers are invited to inspect the water craft before submission of proposals.

The proposal shall include a factory warranty and must be able to provide maintenance and service agreement for two (2) years with ability to conduct on-site assessment and repair.

Proposers shall guarantee delivery of these engines to CPA within 60 days from closing date of this proposal and at which time; CPA will make payment within 10 days thereafter.

The Specifications of the Engines will be available at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, 2nd Floor of the Arrival Building on September 4th, 2012.

All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: "Proposal for Procurement and Delivery of two (2) Salt Water outboard motor engine". One (1) original and two (2) copies of the proposal must be submitted no later than 2:00 p.m. Local Time, September 26th, 2012, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport. Proposals submitted by facsimile (fax) transmission will not be considered. Any proposals received after the proposal submittal deadline shall be returned to the proposer unopened.

Should a proposer find discrepancies in, or omission from, the description or specifications contained herein, proposer shall at once notify Ms. Kay Inos at telephone numbers 664-3550 or 664-3560 respectively, and should it be found necessary, a written addendum will be sent to all proposers. Proposers must guarantee that any or all equipment found defective at the time of delivery must replace equipment within 60 days from date of first delivery.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for; (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the procurement project would not be in the best interest of the CPA. The CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in the CPA's best interest.

All proposals shall become the property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority. This Request for Proposal shall be executed as per the CPA Procurement Regulations.

Funding for the procurement of the engines is made possible by the 2009 Port Security Grant Program from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ EDWARD M. DELEON GUERRERO
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PROCUREMENT AND DELIVERY OF FOUR (4) UNITS SPORT UTILITY VEHICLE PROJECT NO. CPA-RFP-009-12

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Commonwealth Ports Authority is soliciting competitive sealed proposals for the procurement and delivery of four (4) units sport utility vehicles.

The proposal shall attach a factory warranty and must be able to provide 2 years maintenance and service agreement for all four vehicles.

Proposers shall guarantee delivery of these vehicles to CPA within 60 days from closing date of this proposal and at which time; CPA will make payment within 10 days thereafter.

The specifications of these vehicles will be available at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, 2nd Floor of the Arrival Building on September 4th, 2012.

All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: "Proposal for Procurement and Delivery of four (4) Sport Utility Vehicles" One (1) original and two (2) copies of the proposal must be submitted no later than 2:00 p.m. Local Time, September 26th, 2012, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport. Proposals submitted by facsimile (fax) transmission will not be considered. Any proposals received after the proposal submittal deadline shall be returned to the proposer unopened.

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PROCUREMENT AND DELIVERY OF ONE (1) MARITIME BOAT PROJECT NO. CPA-RFP-010-12

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Commonwealth Ports Authority is soliciting competitive sealed proposals for the procurement and delivery of one (1) Maritime Boat to the island of Tinian.

The proposal shall attached a manufacturer warranty and include a two (2) years maintenance and service contract on the engine, boat and accessories to be provided on the island of Tinian.

Proposer shall guarantee delivery of this boat to CPA within 60 days from closing date of this proposal and at which time; CPA will make payment within 10 days thereafter.

The specifications for the boat, engine and accessories will be available at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, 2nd Floor of the Arrival Building on September 4th, 2012.

All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: "Proposal for Procurement and Delivery of a Maritime Boat" One (1) original and two (2) copies of the proposal must be submitted no later than 2:00 p.m. Local Time, September 26, 2012, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport. Proposals submitted by facsimile (fax) transmission will not be considered. Any proposals received after the proposal submittal deadline shall be returned to the proposer unopened.

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The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for; (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the procurement project would not be in the best interest of the CPA. The CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in the CPA's best interest.

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FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ EDWARD M. DELEON GUERRERO
Executive Director

Prince William, Kate to meet with Pacific youth next week

Pacific youth representatives are preparing for a major meeting—the Commonwealth Pacific Youth Leadership and Integrity Conference—in Honiara, Solomon Islands, which will include a special visit from the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge next week.

The Commonwealth Youth Program's Pacific centre will be hosting these events as part of its work to engage and empower young people (ages 15-29) to enhance their contribution to development.

Forty young people will attend the Commonwealth Pacific Youth Leadership and Integrity Conference from 14 Pacific countries (Australia, Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, New Zealand, Marshall Islands, Niue, Nauru, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu).

They arrive in Honiara this week, some youth will do a facilitation course on the weekend, and then the main program will start on Monday, Sept. 17, and finish Saturday, Sept. 22.

The conference will build leadership skills of young people as they learn about democracy, parliament, leadership models, conflict resolution and effective communication.

Commonwealth Youth Program regional director for the Pacific Afu Billy said: "These are exciting times for the work of the Commonwealth Youth Program in the Pacific. The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge provide good role models as leaders to the young Pacific leaders here this week and we hope that they inspire each other."

"Pacific young people want to be trained in areas of good governance, democracy, human rights and the rule of law. They

need to acquire skills to advocate and promote the interests of young people and be able to influence decisions that affect them. Commonwealth Youth

Program's work to equip youth with these skills will boost their confidence to participate effectively in forums and other decision making opportunities that

will benefit them, their families and communities."

"The CYP is pleased that its regional partners the Secretariat of the Pacific Community, the

Pacific Leadership Program, the United Nations Development Program, the International Labor Organization, the Pacific Youth Caucus and the Oceania Football Confederation have together enabled this week's Commonwealth Pacific Youth Leadership and Integrity Conference. This conference responds to young people's needs for leadership training and we sincerely hope that they will gain much from the training."

The Commonwealth Youth Program will also prepare a leadership manual for use by young leaders back in their communities.

The Commonwealth Youth Program looks forward to hosting the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge on Sept. 17 where they will be met by Billy and

program managers.

Young Pacific Islanders will have a chance to meet the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, as the Duke presents the Duke of Edinburgh awards and as the Duke and Duchess meet young people in the Oceania Football Confederation "Just Play" program (a sport for development program that teaches primary school students how to develop game skills and lead healthier lives).

The Boy Scouts and Girl Guides and School Children's Choir (made up of Betikama, St. Nicholas and King George secondary schools) will also perform for the Duke and Duchess. (SPC)

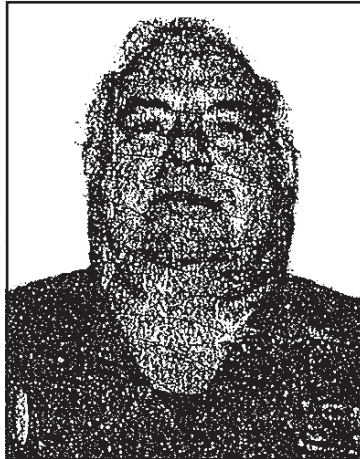


Britain's Prince William and his wife Kate, the Duke and the Duchess of Cambridge, pay their respect to the war dead of both World War I and World War II at the Kranji Commonwealth War Memorial in Singapore Thursday, Sept. 13, 2012.

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RE: Submission of Previous Month's CUC Billing Receipt

This is to inform all tenants under the Housing Choice Voucher Program and the New Construction/Multifamily Program that effective October 01, 2012, the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) will be requiring each tenant to provide a copy of the previous month's billing receipt from the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) on a monthly basis.

Therefore, for the month of October 2012, when you come in to claim your Utility Reimbursement Payment (URP) check, please have your CUC billing receipt for September 2012 ready to be submitted to NMHC. Moreover, the submission of a copy of your previous month's CUC billing receipt will be a monthly requirement. Failure to provide NMHC with a copy of your previous month's CUC billing receipt will result in NMHC holding your URP check until the billing receipt has been submitted.

Should you have any questions or need more information, please contact the Program and Housing Division at 234-6866/9447.

/s/ JESSE S. PALACIOS
Corporate Director

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY CNMI GOVERNMENT

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS 2012-CDA-08-ITB

CLOSING DATE: Monday, September 24, 2012 • TIME: 10:00 a.m.

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Copies of the Scope of Work may be obtained at the Commonwealth Development Authority office, 1st Floor Wakin's Bldg. in Gualo Rai, Saipan during regular working hours or by facsimile request to 235-7147.

Preference is available to U.S. Citizens or Permanent Residents as per PL15-95 and as further amended by PL15-118 and the application must be submitted with the BID if preference is claimed.

/s/ MANUEL A. SABLAN
Executive Director

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director, Procurement and Supply

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY CNMI GOVERNMENT

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS 2012-CDA-09-RFP

CLOSING DATE: Monday, September 24, 2012 • TIME: 10:00 a.m.

"INSURANCE FOR CDA'S PROPERTIES"

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS ISLANDS

CIVIL CASE NO. 12-0186

LAW OFFICES OF
S. JOSHUA BERGER,
Plaintiff,

vs.

RICKY P. CUSTODIO,
Defendant.

SUMMONS
(For THEFT)

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED
DEFENDANT:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file with the Superior Court any Answer you wish to make to the Complaint in this matter, a copy of which may be obtained at the law office below or the Superior Court, within **twenty-one (21) days after the fourth publication** of this Summons, and to deliver or mail a copy of your Answer to the Law Offices of S. Joshua Berger whose address is Second Floor, D' Torres Building, Garapan, P.O. Box 504340, Saipan, MP 96950, as soon as practicable after filing your Answer.

Your Answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at Susupe, Saipan. It may be prepared and signed for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

If you fail to answer in accordance with this Summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

By Order of the above Court:

DATED August 23, 2012

/s/ CLERK OF COURT

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF HAWAII,
Plaintiff,

vs.

**ROSLYN C.T. DLGUERRERO and
JOSEPH A. DLGUERRERO**
Defendants.

Civil Action No. 12-0040

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to an Order issued by the Court on June 12, 2012, in which the undersigned was Ordered to levy, execute and sell, in accordance with law, a parcel of real property, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth herein below, Defendants' interest in and to the following real property situated in Sugar King II, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as described below.

Lot 128 D 36 (formerly known as Lot 018 D 43), containing an area of 595 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 128 D 00 the original of which was recorded 07 Dec 99 as Document No. 99-2896 at the Commonwealth Recorder's, Saipan.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale: The sale, open to the general public (including the Defendants), will be held on **Thursday, October 11, 2012, at 3:00 p.m.**, at the Law Offices of S. Joshua Berger, 2nd Floor of D'Torres Building, Garapan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

DATED this 11th day of September, 2012.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

CORAZON P. YUSON-JAMERO]	FCD DI CIVIL ACTION NO. 12-0384
Petitioner,]	
versus]	
TEODORO B. JAMERO,]	SUMMONS
Respondent.]	

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED
RESPONDENT:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Petition for Divorce which is given you herewith, within thirty (30) days after service of this Summons upon you.

YOUR ANSWER SHOULD BE IN WRITING and filed with the Clerk of court, Guma' Hustisia, Iimwal Aweewee, House of Justice, P.O. Box 500307, Saipan, MP 96950 and served upon petitioner's counsel, Atty. Joe Hill, P.O. Box 500917, Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950. It may be prepared and signed for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

If you fail to file an answer in accordance with this Summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Petition for Divorce.

By order of the above Court:

Dated this 15th day of August, 2012.

/s/Deputy Clerk of Court
Superior Court

Island Snapshots



FREEDOM WALK

CLARISSA V. DAVID

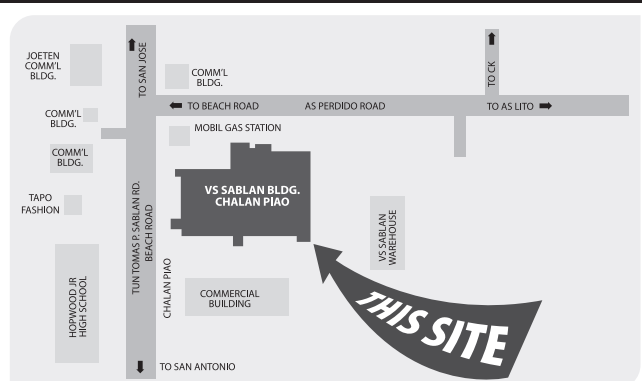
Members of the Saipan Southern High School JROTC unit are seen holding the 50 flags of the different states in the U.S. at the Garapan Fishing Base as they wait Tuesday for the start of the Freedom Walk aimed at commemorating the thousands of lives lost in the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks and honoring the all the service members that protect the nation's freedom.



CLARISSA V. DAVID

American Red Cross - NMI Chapter's JD Tenorio, John Hirsh, and Jerry Facey are among the participants of Tuesday's Freedom Walk in commemoration of the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

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U.S. Marines Lance Cpl Mark Malloy positions himself at North Field, one of the sites of an ongoing certification exercise on Tinian.

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Rain does not deter the U.S. Marines from going about their certification exercise.

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U.S. Marines move to "secure" nearby "rescue helicopters" as part of a certification exercise on Tinian.

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BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS



Belated happy birthday to Esperanza Ritonia Lizama Santos and may you have many more birthdays to come! We hope you enjoyed your birthday and wish we were there to celebrate your special day with you. We love and miss you, baby girl. Love always, Mom&Dad Stanzen, Mom&Dad Craimar, Nish, Boboy, Cess, Sus, Shawn, Sage, and your niece Riri.

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Belated happy birthday Kelvin "The Big Hit" Fitial, who celebrated his special day on Sept. 13, 2012! May you have many more birthdays to come. Greetings come from Sarai, your BFF's, friends, and family.

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Happy 20th birthday to Nikko Jerome Masga! Have fun, play safe, and rock hard. With love, Mom and your Masrai Fambam.

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A big birthday shoutout to Zenaida Margo Lizama Santos! Happy birthday Mommy and may you have many more birthdays to come. Hope you enjoy your day in Guam. May God bless you and we love you. Greetings come from your husband Stanley, your kids Tinie and Craig, Nish, Boboy, Cess, Sus, Shawn, Pepper, Sage and granddaughter Kimani.

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Business

Tall, skinny iPhone in US stores Sept. 21

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—For the first time, the iPhone is growing even as it slims down. After sticking for five years to the same screen size, Apple on Wednesday revealed a new phone that's taller, and has a bigger display.

The iPhone 5 will go on sale in the U.S. and eight other countries next Friday, Sept. 21.

Even though it's taller than the iPhone 4S, it's lighter, thanks to a new screen technology that makes the whole phone thinner.

The bigger screen—4 inches measured diagonally—creates room for another row of icons

on the screen and lets wide-screen movies fit better. The calendar will now show five days at a time instead of just three. Previous iPhone models carried 3.5-inch screens.

In another big change, the iPhone 5 will come with the capability to connect to the fastest new wireless data networks in the U.S. and overseas.

The improvements mean the iPhone 5 is taking a bigger leap up the evolutionary chain than its predecessor, which wasn't that much different than the iPhone 4.

The new device also carries another distinction: It's the first

iPhone developed and unveiled since the death of Apple founder Steve Jobs. The iPhone that Jobs had con-

Out with the old

Apple's new iPhone 5 features retina display and a larger screen, while their iPod line also saw some upgrades.



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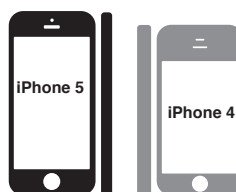
iTouch
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In with the new

- 1. New maps** Apple-designed; turn-by-turn navigation
- 2. Aluminum body** With glass inlay
- 3. Bigger screen** Additional row of icons
- 4. 'Lightning' connector** Adapter available for old connectors



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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Docs: NYC ban on big, sugary drinks could help

NEW YORK (AP)—The era of the super-sized cola may come to an end in New York City on Thursday, when health officials are expected to approve an unprecedented 16-ounce (470-milliliter) limit on sodas and other sugary drinks at restaurants, delis and movie theaters. But will it actually translate into better health? Doctors and nutrition experts said the regulation's success or failure may depend on more than just the modest number of calories it might slash from people's diets. It will hinge on whether the first-in-the-nation rule starts a conversation that changes attitudes toward overeating. "Ultimately it does come down to culture, and it comes down to taking some first steps," said Dr. Jeffrey Mechanick, a professor

at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine who has studied the effect of government regulation on the obesity epidemic.

Feds demand LCD maker pay \$1 billion

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Federal prosecutors are seeking harsh sentences against a Taiwan company and two of its former executives, saying they participated in the most significant price-fixing "cartel" ever prosecuted in the United States. The U.S. Department of Justice on Tuesday demanded AU Optronics Corp. pay \$1 billion and the two former executives each serve 10-year prison sentences for illegally fixing computer screen prices. The company's lawyers are arguing for a fine of no more than \$285 million and significantly lighter, but undefined, prison terms for the executives.



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ceived ushered in what he billed as "the post-PC era"—a shift that is causing people to rely less on personal computers and more on mobile gadgets they can hold in their hand. Jobs died last October the day after Apple introduced the iPhone 4S, which was the fifth version of Apple's phone.

There was little surprise in Wednesday's announcement. Despite the pains the company takes to hide its plans, the rough launch date, the new screen and the capability to connect to so-called LTE networks had been reported for months by blogs and analysts.

"There was nothing unexpected in terms of the new features of the iPhone," said Tavis McCourt, an analyst with Raymond James.

That's a contrast to last year,

when Apple watchers were first surprised by a delay in the launch, and then by the fact that the iPhone 4S didn't offer much new except Siri, a voice-activated assistant. The 4S, nevertheless, has been a smash success. During the first nine months that the iPhone 4S was on the market, Apple's revenue from iPhones has exceeded \$63 billion, helping to establish Apple as the world's most valuable company ever, as measured by its stock price.

One thing that did surprise McCourt this year: Apple is launching the phone in so many countries so quickly. On Day One, the phone will be available in Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Japan, Singapore and the U.K., besides the U.S.



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Nation

Romney, Obama trade barbs over Middle East attacks

WASHINGTON (AP)—Republican challenger Mitt Romney accused President Barack Obama's administration on Wednesday of showing weakness in the face of tumultuous events that left four U.S. diplomats dead in the Middle East and jolted the race for the White House. Obama retorted that his rival "seems to have a tendency to shoot first and aim later."

Even some Republicans questioned Romney's handling of the issue, calling it hasty. Top GOP leaders in Congress pointedly declined to endorse his criticism of the president.

Said Obama: "It's important for you to make sure that the statements that you make are backed up by the facts. And that you've thought through the ramifications before you make 'em."

Obama-the-political-candidate's unusually personal criticism, which came in an interview with CBS, stood in contrast to his appearance outside the White House earlier in the day. Then, he somberly mourned the deaths and announced the deployment of additional Marines at diplomatic posts overseas in his capacity as commander in chief.

"And make no mistake. Justice will be done" he declared, referring to those responsible for the murders of Chris Ste-

vens, U.S. ambassador to Libya, and three others.

The four diplomats were killed on Tuesday as protesters overran and burned the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi. In a separate incident, the American Embassy in Cairo was breached by protesters, and the nation's flag was ripped down, although no deaths were reported there.

The political fallout came

as U.S. officials investigated whether the attack in Libya was a terrorist strike planned to mark the 11th anniversary of the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. Initial reports were that both the Libya and Egypt events had been motivated by anger over an amateur film made in the United States that ridiculed Islam's Prophet Muhammad.

Either way, some Republi-

cans joined Democrats in questioning Romney's decision to inject himself into the situation thousands of miles away with his critical statement Tuesday night.

He followed up with morning remarks in which he blasted the initial statement from the U.S. Embassy in Cairo as disgraceful and "akin to apology."

He added, "It's never too early for the United States

government to condemn attacks on Americans and to defend our values."

Appearing in Jacksonville, Fla., Romney quickly broadened his remarks to emphasize other disagreements he has with Obama on national security issues, citing "differences of opinion with regards to Israel and our policies there; with regards to Iran, with regards to Afghanistan, with regards to Syria."

Obama referred to the violent developments but quickly moved on to domestic matters while speaking at a rally Wednesday night in Las Vegas. After declaring that those who died had risked their lives "to help one of the world's youngest democracies get on its feet," the president said he had a message for the rest of the world: "No act of terror will dim the light of the values that we proudly shine on the rest of the world, and no act of violence will shake the resolve of the United States of America."

Obama moved on to a standard campaign speech, exhorting the crowd of about 8,000 people at the Cashman Center convention hall to elect him to a second term. Many struggled to understand him because of bad acoustics.

The events in Cairo and Libya unfolded with less than eight weeks remaining in the race for the White House, a

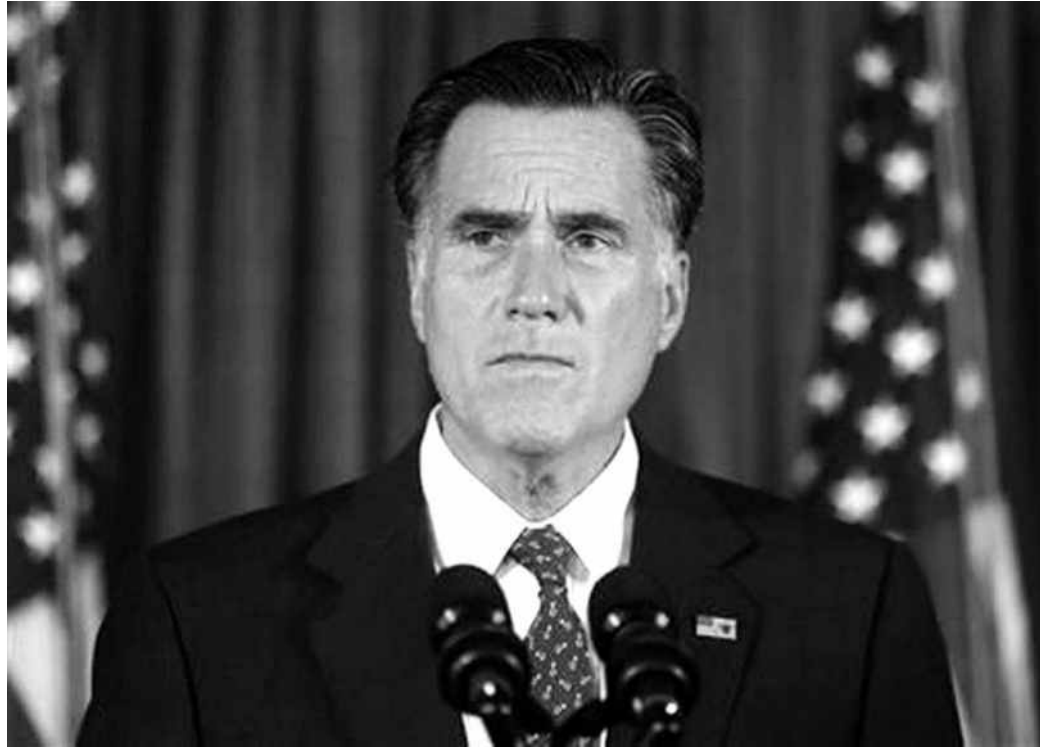
campaign that has been close for months and appears likely to be settled in fewer than 10 battleground states.

The state of the economy has been the top issue by far from the beginning of the race, and recent surveys suggest Romney holds a narrowing advantage over the president when it comes to plans for reducing the nation's unemployment rate of 8.1 percent.

The situation has long been different on foreign policy. Asked in a Washington Post-ABC News poll last week which candidate was better suited to handle international affairs, registered voters picked Obama by a margin of 51 percent to 38 percent.

The Republican challenger has worked to whittle away at that deficit, and he made a heavily publicized overseas trip early this summer as part of his effort. He drew mixed reviews at best-reproached by British officials, for example, when he appeared to question preparations for the Olympic Games in London.

Nor has Obama ceded any territory. Speeches and video presentations at last week's Democratic National Convention were heavily stocked with references to the daring raid the president ordered more than a year ago that resulted in the death of terrorist mastermind Osama bin Laden.



Republican presidential candidate, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney makes comments on the killing of U.S. embassy officials in Benghazi, Libya, while speaking in Jacksonville, Fla., Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2012.

US investigates: Attacks coordinated to mark 9/11?

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Obama administration, roiled by the first killing of a U.S. ambassador in more than 30 years, is investigating whether the assault on the U.S. Consulate in Libya was a planned terrorist strike to mark the anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks and not a spontaneous mob enraged over an anti-Islam YouTube video.

President Barack Obama declared in a White House appearance that the U.S. would "work with the Libyan government to bring to justice" those who killed Ambassador Chris Stevens and three other Americans. The attack on the Benghazi consulate was "a planned, coordinated, well-executed military style event," House Intelligence Committee Chairman Mike Rogers said.

In a show of force, the Pentagon moved two warships to the Libyan coast. Officials said one destroyer, the USS Laboon, moved to a position off the coast Wednesday, and the destroyer USS McFaul was en route and should be stationed off the coast within days, increasing the number of Navy destroyers in the Mediterranean from four to five.

Officials said the ships, which carry Tomahawk cruise missiles, do not have a specific mission. But they give commanders flexibility to respond to any mission ordered by the president.

Pentagon spokesman George Little said, "Without commenting on specific ship movements, the United States military regularly takes precautionary steps when potential contingencies might arise in a given situation. That's not only logical in certain circumstances, it's the prudent thing to do."

At the same time, some 50 U.S. Marines headed to Libya to reinforce security at U.S. diplomatic facilities, initially at the American embassy in Tripoli, not Benghazi.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to publicly discuss troop movements.

White House press secretary Jay Carney said it was too early to judge whether the Benghazi attack was planned. "I know that this is being investigated, and we're working with the Libyan government to investigate the incident. I would not want to speculate on that at this time," he said. Several Libyan security guards

also were killed.

Rogers, R-Mich., said U.S. intelligence had not yet determined who was responsible, but added, "Our list is narrowing."

"When you see (such an attack), it wasn't some folks who had some guns in their garage and said let's shoot up the consulate," Rogers said in an interview Wednesday.

The FBI was sending evidence teams to Libya, said a law enforcement official.

Analysts are working on several different scenarios based on intelligence that could lead to a motive for the attack. Some concern the possibility of targeting high-ranking officials, according to a law enforcement official briefed on the investigation. But none of the intelligence has suggested terrorists would specifically target Stevens, said the official who also spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak publicly about the investigation.

The attack in Libya, which came hours after a mob stormed the U.S. Embassy in Cairo and tore down the U.S. flag, was presumed to have been triggered by a movie, whose trailer has gone viral

on YouTube, depicting the Islamic prophet Muhammad in disrespectful ways. In an extraordinary move, Gen. Martin Dempsey, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, called anti-Islamic preacher Terry Jones and asked him to stop promoting the film. A spokeswoman said the church would not show the film Wednesday evening.

"Make no mistake. Justice will be done," a somber Obama pledged at the White House, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton at his side.

He ordered increased security at U.S. diplomatic missions overseas, particularly in Libya, and said he condemned "in the strongest possible terms the outrageous and shocking" attack. Clinton said she was particularly appalled that the attack took place in Benghazi, which the U.S. had helped liberate from dictator Moammar Gadhafi during the Arab Spring revolution in Libya last year.

Three Americans were wounded, U.S. officials said.

The aftermath of the two attacks also stirred the U.S. presidential campaign, where until Wednesday, foreign policy had taken a back seat to the struggling economy.

Bank heist suspects hurl cash during LA chase

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Suspected bank robbers fleeing county sheriff's deputies hurled cash from a speeding SUV on Wednesday, drawing people into the streets until a pickup blocked their path and they had to surrender.

In a bizarre scene followed by TV helicopters, a large crowd pressed in as deputies with guns drawn pulled two men from the SUV in South Los Angeles. City police came to their aid and formed skirmish lines to move the crowd back.

Along the pursuit's route, people were seen scooping up the money.

Police Department spokesman Cmdr. Andrew Smith said it appeared the suspects threw the money in hopes of drawing people into the roadway to block the pursuing patrol cars. "A lot of people came out their houses, they saw this on TV, they saw that money was being thrown," Smith told KNBC-TV.

Several hundred people gathered around the deputies during the dangerous moment of arrest.

"I think one of the folks told me that they thought there was more money in the vehicle and

maybe they were hoping to get a little bit of that," Smith said.

One officer had a foot run over during the incident but was expected to be OK, he said.

The incident began 35 miles (56 kilometers) northwest of downtown Los Angeles in the suburban Santa Clarita area where four men committed an armed bank robbery, Los Angeles County sheriff's Capt. Mike Parker told KCAL-TV.

The robbers fled south by freeway and en route two robbers bailed out of the SUV in the Sylmar area of the San Fernando Valley. One suspect was taken into custody there Wednesday afternoon but the other remained at large.

The SUV pursuit continued into downtown Los Angeles where the SUV exited the freeway and began a circuitous route through the older, narrow streets of the city's central and southern areas.

The 90-minute chase came to an end when a big, heavy duty pickup made a right turn from a side street and blocked the SUV's path. It was not clear whether that driver did so intentionally.

Asia

US lawmakers blame China over maritime disputes



U.S. flag and China's flag flutter in winds at a hotel in Beijing Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2012.

AP

WASHINGTON (AP)—U.S. lawmakers Wednesday accused China of bullying its neighbors to press territorial claims in the South China Sea but also raised questions about America's capacity to police the region.

Three congressional panels this week are scrutinizing what they consider to be the security threat posed by China and its human rights record.

With the U.S. presidential election two months away, Republican contender Mitt Romney has accused Barack Obama of being soft on China, particularly on trade issues, as he has tried to cultivate ties with the emerging superpower. But criticism dished out by members of

the House Foreign Relations Committee Wednesday was directed squarely at Beijing.

The committee's Republican chair, Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, dubbed China a "schoolyard bully towards its maritime neighbors" that aspired to be the dominant power in Asia, controlling vital sea lanes that could be used to choke off commerce and oil shipments. She said the U.S. would stand by its allies, the Philippines and Japan.

"Other global crises must not distract from our vital national interests in the South China Sea and the western Pacific," she told a hearing addressing the issue.

Top Democrat Howard Berman said the Obama administra-

tion has repeatedly made clear to Beijing that the U.S. will not allow China to assert hegemony over the region. He said the U.S. must continue to press China to resolve its claims peacefully.

China and five of its neighbors, including the Philippines and Vietnam, have overlapping claims to several small, but potentially energy-rich areas of the South China Sea, that have become an increasing focus of bickering and confrontation. In July, China upped the ante when it created a city and military garrison on a remote island to strengthen its control over disputed islands.

The United States criticized that as undermining efforts to

manage and resolve disputes through diplomacy. That angered China, which says it has no aggressive intent.

The U.S., which remains the world's predominant military power, says it does not take a position on the competing territorial claims, but has a national security interest in the maintenance of peace and stability in the region. On Tuesday it urged "cooler heads to prevail" in a separate island dispute between Japan and China in the East China Sea.

Republican Rep. Mike Kelly questioned the ability of an indebted U.S. to sustain its military presence across the world, and suggested China was now "the toughest guy in the neighborhood" that would call the shots on policy there.

"At some point we better wake up and smell the coffee," Kelly said. "We have a diminished influence because we really don't have the ability at times to do what we say we are going to do."

Democrat Rep. Brad Sherman said U.S. allies needed to bear more of the security burden, as during the Cold War against the Soviet Union.

"Those nations in the Asia-Pacific region, particularly those that have concerns with China's expansionary claims ought to be devoting a reasonable portion of GDP to their own naval defense," he said.

On Thursday, the House Intelligence Committee will question executives of two major Chinese technology companies

Aquino renames disputed area West Philippine Sea

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—President Benigno Aquino III has renamed western offshore waters the West Philippine Sea to define his country's territory while disputing overlapping claims made by Beijing and others.

Officials said Wednesday that Aquino's order, which took effect after being signed on Sept. 5, called on the government's map-making agency to use the new name to label waters west of the Philippine archipelago, including those around the disputed Spratly Islands and the Scarborough Shoal.

The potentially oil- and gas-rich Spratlys are contested by China, the Philippines and four other Southeast Asian claimants. China and the Philippines figured in a maritime standoff over the Scarborough Shoal in April.

Aquino said rival claimants

use different names for areas they claim and the new name will help define Manila's territorial claims.

Aquino's order was expected to draw protests from China, which has opposed past Philippine attempts to assert sovereignty over islands and waters both countries dispute. Their renewed spats have strained ties.

A planned meeting between Aquino and China's leader Hu Jintao failed to take place on the sidelines of an annual summit of Pacific Rim countries in Vladivostok last week, but the Philippine leader expressed hope they would meet in the near future.

"I'm still hoping we can have a dialogue and have a heart-to-heart talk ... in total honesty and openness," Aquino told reporters. "That seems to be the way forward to settle all of these things."

as it probes allegations that the firms' involvement in the U.S. market could pose a national security risk.

Also Wednesday, another House panel examined allegations of human organs of religious and political dissidents being harvested by Chinese authorities.

Staunch China critic, Repub-

lican Rep. Chris Smith, alleged that kidneys, livers, lungs, hearts and corneas were taken from recently deceased prisoners and that China's military doctors may also be harvesting organs from live prisoners. He conceded that much of the evidence is circumstantial, but decried the harvesting as a "barbaric practice that must be stopped."

Pakistan fires kill 283, lax safety laws blamed

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP)—Fires at two clothing factories in Pakistan left 283 people dead—many trapped behind locked doors and barred windows—tragedies that highlight workplace perils in a country where many buildings lack basic safety equipment and owners often bribe officials to ignore the violations.

The blazes broke out Tuesday night at a garment factory in the southern port city of Karachi and a shoe manufacturer in the eastern city of Lahore. At least 258 people died in the fire in Karachi, where rescue workers were still searching Wednesday for bodies in the charred building. Another 25 perished in Lahore.

Panicked workers in Karachi had only one way out since the factory's owner had locked all the other exit doors in response to a recent theft, officials said. Many victims suffocated in the smoke-filled basement.

"The owner of the factory should also be burned to death the way our dear ones have died in a miserable condition," said Nizam-ud-Din, whose nephew was killed in the fire, one of the deadliest industrial accidents in

Pakistani history.

Police were searching for the factory's managers and placed the owner on a list of people who are not allowed to leave the country, said Roshan Ali Sheikh, a top government official in Karachi.

"It is a criminal act to lock the emergency exit doors, and we are trying to know who did it, and why," Sheikh said.

The fire started when a boiler exploded and the flames ignited chemicals that were stored in the factory, which manufactured jeans and other clothes for export. Between 300 and 400 workers were inside when the blaze erupted.

Many of the deaths were caused by suffocation as people trapped in the basement were unable to escape when it filled with smoke, said Karachi fire chief Ehtisham-ud-Din.

Those on the upper floors of the five-story building had to break through metal bars covering the windows so they could leap to safety. Dozens were injured doing so, including a 27-year-old pregnant woman.

"When smoke spread all around, I jumped out the window in panic," said Mohammad Shahzad, who broke an arm and

a leg when he hit the ground. "I found myself in the hospital when I regained my senses."

Others burned to death as they tried to wriggle through the barred windows.

"There were no safety measures taken in the building design," said senior police official Amir Farooqi. "There was no emergency exit. These people were trapped."

Firefighters were still battling the blaze Wednesday. The death toll spiked as they entered previously inaccessible parts of the factory and found scores more bodies. The death toll stood at 258 by Wednesday evening, including a 10-year-old boy, said Sheikh. Another 31 people were injured.

Rani Bibi said her two sons-in-law called Tuesday night to say they were trapped in the factory and asked her to tell their wives to take good care of their children. She hasn't heard from them since, and couldn't find their bodies in any of the hospitals in the city.

"We don't know where they are," said Bibi, tears flowing down her face. "I hope to hear their voices. My two daughters' lives are ruined."

The fire that swept through

the four-story shoe factory in Lahore left 25 people dead, some from burns and others from suffocation, said senior police officer Multan Khan.

The fire broke out as workers were trying to start a generator after electricity went out in the building. Sparks from the generator made contact with chemicals used to make shoes, igniting the blaze, which blocked the only exit. Firefighters had to break through the building's brick walls to save people, officials said.

Raza Rumi, an analyst at the Islamabad-based Jinnah Institute, said the fire in Karachi was one of the deadliest industrial accidents in the country's history.

"It is reflective of the utter collapse of regulation and the enforcement of labor laws in the country," he said.

The problem has gotten worse in recent years as the federal government handed over factory oversight to provincial authorities, but local governments failed to develop legislation enforcing labor laws or basic safety regulations, Rumi said. Many Pakistani factories lack even basic safety equipment, such as alarms and sprinklers.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Suspected Indonesia militant dies of bomb injuries

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)—Indonesian police say a suspected militant has died after being critically injured by a bomb that was apparently being prepared for a terrorist attack. Police Brig. Gen. Boy Rafli Amar says the man died Wednesday at a hospital in Jakarta. The man, identified as Wahyu Ristanto, was badly burned on his face and body and his left hand was severely wounded in the explosion Saturday at a house on the outskirts of the capital. Two other suspects fled, including one who was slightly injured.

Australian police arrest man on terror charge

SYDNEY (AP)—Australian police said Thursday that they arrested a man in connection with suspected terrorism offenses during raids in which they seized firearms, computer equipment and a USB stick containing what they said were "violent extremist materials." Officers swooped onto properties in six Melbourne suburbs

Wednesday in a simultaneous raid, the Australian Federal Police and Victoria state police said in a joint statement. The name of the 23-year-old man they arrested was not released. Among the police targets was an Islamic bookstore called the Al-Furqan Islamic Information Centre. The center's representatives did not respond to calls and emails on Thursday, though a spokesman on Wednesday confirmed that police spent about 12 hours inside and took several items.

Vietnam PM orders fresh crackdown on bloggers

HANOI, Vietnam (AP)—Vietnam's prime minister has ordered a fresh crackdown on bloggers who post articles critical of the government. The country's communist rulers do not allow freedom of expression or the media, but have been struggling against dissent being propagated over the Internet. A government statement late Wednesday named three blog sites it accused of "publishing distorted and fabricated articles" against the leadership.

World

US sends Marines to Libya after deadly attack



Libyans walk on the grounds of the gutted U.S. consulate in Benghazi, Libya, after an attack that killed four Americans, including Ambassador Chris Stevens, Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2012. AP

BENGHAZI, Libya (AP)—The U.S. dispatched an elite group of Marines to Tripoli on Wednesday after the mob attack that killed the U.S. ambassador and three other Americans. Officials were investigating whether the rampage was a backlash to an anti-Islamic video with ties to Coptic Christians or a plot to coincide with the anniversary of the 9/11 terror attacks.

Tuesday's stunning attack on the American Consulate in Benghazi poses a daunting task for U.S. and Libyan investigators: searching for the culprits in a city rife with heavy weapons, multiple militias, armed Islamist groups and little police control.

The one-story villa that serves as the consulate was a burned-out wreck after the crowd armed with machine guns and rocket-propelled grenades rampaged through it. Slogans of "God is great" and "Muhammad is God's Prophet" were scrawled across its scorched walls. Libyan civilians strolled freely in charred rooms with furniture and papers strewn everywhere.

President Barack Obama vowed in a Rose Garden address that the U.S. would "work with the Libyan government to bring to justice" those who killed Ambassador Chris Stevens, information manager Sean Smith and two other Americans who were not identified. Three other Americans were wounded.

Stevens was the first U.S. ambassador killed in the line of duty in 30 years.

"We reject all efforts to denigrate the religious beliefs of others, but there is absolutely no justification for this type of

senseless violence. None," said Obama, who also ordered increased security at U.S. diplomatic posts abroad.

Republican Mitt Romney accused the Obama administration of showing weakness in the consulate killings, but the president retorted that his rival "seems to have a tendency to shoot first and aim later." Some in the Republican Party called Romney's remarks hasty.

The mob attack on Tuesday—the 11th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist strike in the U.S.—was initially presumed to have been a spontaneous act triggered by outrage over a movie called "Innocence of Muslims" that mocked Islam's Prophet Muhammad that was produced in the U.S. and excerpted on YouTube. The amateurish video also drew protests in Cairo, where angry ultra-conservatives climbed the U.S. Embassy's walls, tore down an American flag and replaced it with an Islamic banner.

But a U.S. counterterrorism official said the Benghazi violence was "too coordinated or professional" to be spontaneous. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the incident publicly.

The FBI was sending evidence teams to Libya, a law enforcement official said.

Libya's new leadership—scrambling to preserve ties with Washington after U.S. help to overthrow former dictator Moammar Gadhafi—vowed to find those behind the attack. Interim President Mohammed el-Megarif apologized to the United States

for what he called the "cowardly" assault, which also killed several Libyan security guards at the consulate in the eastern city.

Parliament speaker Omar al-Houmidan suggested the attack might have been planned, saying the mob "may have had foreign loyalties"—an apparent reference to international terrorists. "We are not sure. Everything is possible," he said.

A Libyan jihadist group, the Omar Abdel-Rahman Brigades, claimed responsibility for a bomb that went off outside the Benghazi consulate in June, causing no injuries. The group, which also carried out several attacks on the International Red Cross in Libya, said at the time that the bomb was revenge for the killing of al-Qaida's No. 2, Abu Yahya al-Libi, in a U.S. drone strike in Pakistan.

About 50 U.S. Marines were sent to Libya to guard U.S. diplomatic facilities. The Marines are members of an elite group known as a Fleet Antiterrorism Security Team, or FAST, whose role is to respond on short notice to terrorism threats and to reinforce security at embassies.

The Marines, sent from a base in Spain, were headed initially to the U.S. Embassy in Tripoli, not to Benghazi, according to U.S. officials, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to the press.

The consulate attack illustrated the breakdown in security in Libya, where the government is still trying to establish authority months after Gadhafi's fall.

There also were indications that two distinct attacks took place—one on the consulate, then a sec-

ond hours later early Wednesday on a nearby house to which the staff had been evacuated.

The crowd of several thousand that descended on the consulate was armed with machine guns and rocket-propelled grenades, said Wanis el-Sharef, the deputy interior minister of Libya's eastern region.

A small contingent of Libyan security protecting the facility fired in the air, trying to intimidate the mob. But faced with superior size and firepower, the Libyan security withdrew, el-Sharef said. Gunmen stormed the building, looted its contents and torched it, he said.

Details of how the Americans were killed were still unclear.

Stevens, 52, and a consulate staffer who had stayed behind in the building died in the initial attack, el-Sharef said. The rest of the staff successfully evacuated to a nearby building, preparing to move to Benghazi Airport after daybreak to fly to the capital of Tripoli, he said.

Hours after the storming of the consulate, a separate group of gunmen attacked the other building, opening fire on the more than 30 Americans and Libyans inside. Two more Americans were killed, he said.

Dr. Ziad Abu Zeid, who treated Stevens, told The Associated Press that he died of asphyxiation, apparently from smoke. In a sign of the chaos, Stevens was brought by Libyans to the Benghazi Medical Center with no other Americans, and no one at the facility knew who he was, Abu Zeid said.

He said he tried to revive Stevens for about 90 minutes "with

no success." The ambassador was bleeding in his stomach because of the asphyxiation but had no other injuries, the doctor said.

Widely regarded as one of the most effective American envoys to the Arab world, Stevens brokered tribal disputes and conducted U.S. outreach efforts in Jerusalem, Cairo, Damascus and Riyadh. As a rising star in U.S. foreign policy, he returned to Libya four months ago, determined to see a democracy rise where Gadhafi's dictatorship flourished for four decades.

Smith, 34, was an Air Force veteran who had worked as an information management officer for 10 years in posts such as Brussels, Baghdad and Pretoria. Smith was also well-known in the video game community.

The bloodshed stunned many Libyans, especially since Stevens was a popular envoy among different factions and politicians, including Islamists, and was seen as a supporter of their uprising against Gadhafi.

The leader of Ansar al-Shariah, an armed ultraconservative Islamist group, denied any involvement in the attack.

"We never approve of killing civilians, especially those who helped us," Youssef Jihani said in a reference to Stevens. "We are well-educated and religious."

The violence in Libya raised worries that further protests could break out around the Muslim world, but the reaction was limited.

The movie, "Innocence of Muslims," came to attention in Egypt after its trailer was dubbed into Arabic and posted on YouTube. The video-sharing website blocked access to it

Killing the U.S. envoy to Libya

Events preceding the killing of U.S. ambassador to Libya, J. Christopher Stevens, in an attack on the American Consulate in Benghazi:

Last year Israeli-American developer Sam Bacile makes a video derogatory toward Islam and its founder Muhammad; he later uploads a trailer to YouTube, where it also appears in Arabic

May 2012 Stevens arrives in Tripoli, Libya; he had served as envoy to Libyan rebels last year

Sept. 2012 Florida pastor Terry Jones, who had previously provoked worldwide protests by burning Qurans, begins promoting Bacile's video, along with proclamation of Sept. 11 as "International Judge Muhammad Day"

Sept. 11 In Cairo Unarmed protesters gather outside the U.S. Embassy; some scale compound wall, destroy the flag

In Benghazi Armed, Islamist militants storm consulate; Stevens and three staff members die, reportedly of smoke inhalation

Some officials suggested the Benghazi attack may not have been directly linked to anger over the video, that it may have been a planned

Source: BBC, New York Times, Wall Street Journal
Graphic: Pat Carr

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Wednesday. The trailer depicts Muhammad as a fraud, a womanizer and a madman in an overtly ridiculing way, showing him having sex and calling for massacres.

In Cairo, some 200 Islamists staged a second day of protest outside the U.S. Embassy on Wednesday, but there were no more attempts to scale the embassy walls. After nightfall, the group dwindled and some protesters scuffled with police, who fired tear gas and dispersed them, emptying the streets.

In a statement on his official Facebook page, Egypt's Islamist president, Mohammed Morsi, condemned the movie, saying the government was responsible for protecting diplomatic missions as well as the freedom of speech and peaceful protest.

But, he added, authorities "will confront with full determination any irresponsible attempt to break the law."

Romney's criticism of Obama didn't mesh completely with events in Cairo.

Off The Wall

Mich. lovebirds rescued after elaborate proposal

CASEVILLE, Mich. (AP)—Two Michigan sheriff's deputies can expect wedding invitations in their future for rescuing a couple who became stranded on an island during a meticulously planned, elaborate marriage proposal that apparently accounted for everything but bad weather.

Nathan Bluestein, of Northville, and May Gorial, of Madison Heights, set out by canoe Saturday in Wild Fowl Bay near Caseville, about 110 miles north of Detroit, the Huron County sheriff's department said. Gorial, 32, accepted the proposal, but strong wind and waves kept

them from returning to shore.

Bluestein, 27, told the Detroit Free Press that he had been planning the proposal for months. He tucked a message in a bottle inside a lunch bag that he brought on the trip.

"I made sure that she never could touch the lunch bag," he said "I had it around my arm the whole time."

Inside the bottle was a sheet of paper, soaked in tea and burned around the edges, with a poem written in French. Gorial, a French teacher at Bishop Foley Catholic High School in Madison Heights, began reading and translating the poem

before finding a proposal written in English on another piece of paper.

"The way I look at it ... she's my best friend and the love of my life," Bluestein said.

The two talked and snapped pictures, and didn't realize they were too far from land. They ended up on North Island and the sheriff's department sent the two deputies by boat from Caseville. Bluestein and Gorial don't have a wedding date set, but the deputies will definitely be invited to the event.

"If it wasn't for them, we wouldn't have seen the wedding day," Gorial said.

Sri Lankan diamond saga: Swallowed gem was fake

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP)—Sri Lanka's diamond-swallowing saga took an unexpected turn Tuesday when police revealed the stone swallowed by a visitor at a gem exhibition was a fake and they are searching for the real stone valued at \$13,000.

Police arrested Chou Wan, 32, after a gem owner complained a man had swallowed his 1.5 carat diamond at a jewelry show in Colombo last week. An X-ray taken at a hospital showed the diamond and Chou was given a

laxative so the gem could be recovered. The National Gem and Jewelry Authority, which regulates the gem industry, then was asked to inspect the diamond concerned.

Police spokesman Ajith Rohana said the authority informed police the diamond Chou swallowed was fake and had no financial value. He said investigators suspect another Chinese man seen with Chou may have the real diamond worth 1.8 million Sri Lankan rupees (\$13,636).

Exhibitor Suresh Wijekoon

said two Chinese men were behaving suspiciously at his stalls and he suspected they were trying to switch fake stones to steal the real diamonds. He said one man swallowed a diamond before he alerted the police while the other ran away.

Sri Lanka does not mine diamonds but is renowned for other highly treasured gems. Facets Sri Lanka 2012 is the island nation's annual largest gem and jewelry exhibition and it attracts a large number of local and foreign buyers.

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Western NY boy, 8, takes mom's car for a ride

CHEEKTOWAGA, N.Y. (AP)—Authorities say 8-year-old boy escaped injury after taking his mother's car for a spin through his suburban Buffalo, N.Y., neighborhood and hitting several objects before his joy ride ended on a neighbor's lawn. Police in the town of Cheektowaga (cheek-tuh-WAH'-guh) tell media outlets that the boy won't be charged for his reckless driving early Monday morning. The boy's mother says she woke up to find her son missing and called 911 because she thought he had been kidnapped. The boy was already in the car driving down the street. When he came to a nearby road with heavy traffic, he decided to turn around and head back home. On the way, he jumped a curb, ran over a street sign, a

fire hydrant and a fence before the car came to a rest on a neighbor's lawn.

Cops: Man tried to pay bartender with his own card

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP)—Police in Miami Beach say a homeless man broke into a car, stole a credit card and then tried to use it to buy a beer—from the bartender the card belonged to. The case was cracked when 53-year-old David Weber handed the card to the bartender who took his order Monday night. The Miami Herald reports the bartender noticed he had just been handed his own credit card. The bartender called Miami Beach police. Weber was charged with credit card fraud and theft. He remained in the Miami-Dade County Jail early Wednesday. Police say Weber told them he found the credit card on the ground.

Pa. man makes no bones about buying 2 skeletons

SCHNECKSVILLE, Pa. (AP)—A pair of skeletons for sale at a Pennsylvania auction house went for more than a couple of bones. A Lancaster County antiques dealer bought both skeletons Tuesday at Tom Hall Auctions in Schnecksville. A male skeleton in a tuxedo went for \$900 and his Bible-carrying female counterpart went for \$950. The skeletons are believed to be of German or Irish origin in the late 19th or early 20th century. They each were owned at one point by a New York mortician's museum and the Independent Order of Odd-fellows, the likely origin of their accessories. Auction winner Bill Wood says he bought the skeletons to go along with another he has at Old Mill Antiques, his Strasburg shop. He plans to resell all three.

Man shows off Guinness' tallest mohawk in NYC park



In this image taken from video, Kazuhiro Watanabe, 40, a fashion designer from Tokyo, shows off his 3-foot-8-point-6-inch hairdo in New York City's Washington Square Park on Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2012.

NEW YORK (AP)—Guinness World Records is calling it the tallest mohawk in the world.

A fashion designer from Tokyo showed off his 3-foot-8.6-inch (1.13 meter) hairdo in a New York City park on Wednesday.

Forty-year-old Kazuhiro Watanabe says he's been growing the hair for 15 years. He says to make it stand upright it takes stylists two hours, one can of gel and three cans of hairspray. He says he wanted to grow the mohawk to rebel against the conformity of Japanese society.

Watanabe has held the title since January 2011.

His appearance in Washington Square Park was to promote the newest version of the Guinness World Records book, which for the first time includes him.

First Year Death Anniversary



In Loving Memory of

Rosita Borja Deleon Guerrero

We, the family, humbly invite all our relatives and friends to join us in prayers as we commemorate the passing of our dearly beloved unto eternal life.

Nightly mass is offered through Wednesday, September 19, 2012 at 6:00 p.m., Santa Soledad Church in Kagman.

Your presence, thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated.


Dangkulu Na Si Yu'us Ma'ase.

From Joaquin I. Deleon Guerrero and Family

In Celebration of Her New Life

Katrina Reynalyn Rebeliyan Ruwaath

July 13, 2012 – September 01, 2012



Katrina Reynalyn Rebeliyan Ruwaath went to be with our Lord on September 01, 2012. Her final days were spent surrounded by family and friends that Katrina had touched in some small way throughout her short, yet very memorable life.

Katrina's life would seem too short to many, but those who were touched by her understood that the quality of existence far exceeds the quantity of time in which one lives. Her gentle smile, coo's, butterfly kisses, tiny fingers and toes and baby soft skin brought so much joy to our family.

Although she was so tiny and frail, she gave us all such courage and hope and reminded us of the preciousness of life. She loved to smile, be sung to and gazed at bright lights. She enjoyed music and soft sounds. She loved to be soothed by being held in the arms of her parents.

Katrina's Memories will forever live in the hearts of her:


Parents:	MaryRose G. and Venitus (Vince) Ruwaath
Brother:	Deven G. Gima
Sisters:	Kaylina and Kabrina Ruwaath
Maternal Grandparents:	James and Regina Gima & Reynaldo Gonzales
Paternal Grandparents:	John and Patrice Ruwaath & Edward and Nicolina Gechig

She is also survived by numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

On Saturday, September 15, 2012 at 9:00a.m., the Christian Celebration Service will be held at Life In The Son Christian Fellowship Church (two storey building across Hollywood Videos at San Jose), followed by Christian Burial at Tanapag Cemetery.

Thank You, Kammagar, Salamat Po, Dangkulo na Si Yuus Ma'ase & Ghilisoo

Vince, MaryRose, Deven, Kaylina & Kabrina



Science & Technology



Toys R Us launches its own tablet named Tabeo.

Toys R Us introduces a tablet aimed at kids

By SHAN LI and SALVADOR RODRIGUEZ
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Toys R Us Inc. is stepping into the heated tablet-computer wars with a \$150 version for kids—including Wi-Fi connectivity, extensive parental control features and 50 pre-loaded apps that include popular games such as “Angry Birds” and “Fruit Ninja.”

But will kids want it and parents buy it?

“You can jam 50 apps into this and make it an overwhelming value,” said toy industry analyst Sean McGowan. “But at the end of the day, kids may de-

cide it’s not cool and it’s either Apple or nothing.”

Some adults are questioning whether kids really need their own simplified—and child-proofed—gizmos.

“My 5-year-old nephew is quite adept at using his parents’ Kindle Fire to play games and watch videos,” Lance Whitney wrote on tech news site Cnet. “For parents looking to save some money, sharing the family tablet seems a more budget-conscious way to go.”

News of the Toys R Us tablet, named Tabeo, comes during a month that’s been filled with new gadget announcements. Amazon.com Inc. unveiled four new versions of its Kindle Fire tablet last week, and Apple Inc. is rumored to announce its own 7-inch mini iPad in the coming weeks.

Analysts say that although the adult tablet market is flooded with rivals eager to woo shoppers, many gadget makers have yet to seriously court the increasingly tech-savvy toddler and school-age set.

“Nobody has staked an unsailable claim on the kid’s end,” said McGowan, an analyst at Needham & Co. “We all realize parents are giving tablets for

kids to play with, but nobody is giving a \$500 tablet permanently to a 4-year-old, and the \$500 tablet is not tailored specifically for a 4-year-old.”

So enter Toys R Us, which already carries tablets such as LeapFrog Enterprises Inc.’s \$99 LeapPad Explorer, a hot seller last Christmas. Industry experts said Toys R Us sees a chance to jump into child tablets now and corner a chunk of the market with a device that cannot be found anywhere else.

The Tabeo tablet will come with nearly 20 game apps, almost 10 educational apps, about a dozen entertainment apps and a few book apps.

Parents can also prevent kids from accessing specific websites or spending 24 hours a day glued to the tablet. Parental controls allow people to set up boundaries for eight users, block 27 content categories and additional sites, and pre-set what days and times users can go on the Web.

The tablet runs on Google Inc.’s Android Ice Cream Sandwich operating system.

Tabeo is available for pre-order now and will be sold exclusively by Toys R Us beginning Oct. 21.

Google releases new YouTube application for Apple’s iPhone

By BRANDON BAILEY
SAN JOSE MERCURY NEWS

Google on Tuesday announced a new YouTube application for Apple’s iTunes store, a little more than a month after the two companies made headlines with the revelation that new iPhones and iPads will no longer come “pre-loaded” with an app for the hugely popular video service.

Unlike the old version, the new YouTube app will let Google show advertising to iPhone and iPad viewers, creating a new source of revenue for both Google and YouTube “partners” who create content and share in advertising proceeds.

That could more than make up for any revenue that Google made under its previous licensing arrangement with Apple, according to some analysts, although neither company has disclosed terms of that agreement.

The two tech giants are increasingly butting heads in the mobile market. Apple has replaced Google’s map service with its own, and many observers viewed the end of the previous YouTube agreement as another sign that the former allies are now fierce competitors.

The new app will incorporate features of YouTube’s latest user interface, including personal subscriptions to various video “channels.” When downloaded from the iTunes

store, it will let users watch videos that were not available with the old YouTube app for Apple devices, Google said.

In an interview, YouTube platform partnerships director Francisco Varela boasted the new interface will provide “a terrifically beautiful experience,” which he said had been lacking from Apple’s old app “for some time.”

Apple built the original YouTube app, using Google’s specifications, but it had not updated the app in recent years. Google built the new app and submitted it for distribution through the iTunes store.

Analysts say both companies benefited from Apple’s original decision to include YouTube as one of the first apps that came already installed, or “pre-loaded” as part of its iOS mobile software. That boosted YouTube’s mobile viewership, but it also helped Apple demonstrate the kinds of content and uses for which the iPhone and iPad were designed.

In a statement last month, Apple said only that “our license to include the YouTube app in iOS has ended,” while adding that it expected Google to introduce its own app for iTunes.

Varela declined to comment on the end of the old agreement. “We had a great partnership with Apple,” he said, “and they continue to be a great partner.”

IN HUMBLE GRATITUDE



† Alice Castro Manglona

In grateful appreciation and thanksgiving to Almighty God for the life of our dearly beloved †Alice, we extend a sincere appreciation to all our families, relatives and friends for all the encouragement through messages of condolences, support and especially for the time you all took to come and share the very moment with us as we bid farewell to our dearly beloved †Alice.

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With grateful hearts, we thank Fr. Rual Salgado and the staff of San Roque Church, our techa, Mrs. Darlene Sasamoto, and to all who helped us in one way or another – THANK YOU!

We know friends are a special treasure and we find room in our hearts to treasure each and everyone of you. Your words of wisdom, support and unconditional love during this most difficult time has shown us the light to hold dearly and to live on with loving memories of our dearly beloved. In our hearts we will feel that emptiness, which we all treasured infinitely, but we are strengthened with the belief that our dear beloved †Alice is now resting peacefully with her Creator.

May God who knows and cares for you, shower his blessings unto you and may He bless you abundantly.

**John M. Manglona and Children
Dolores Babauta Castro and Families**

Life&Style

Bill Murray mulls Oscar prospects as Roosevelt

TORONTO (AP)—Most stars shun the “O word”—Oscar—when they might be in the running for an Academy Award, not wanting to jinx their chances or look too eager.

Bill Murray has no problem dissecting Hollywood’s highest honors.

A best actor nominee for 2003’s “Lost in Translation,” Murray could have Oscar prospects again as Franklin Delano Roosevelt in “Hyde Park on the Hudson,” a comic drama that played the ongoing Toronto International Film Festival.

Murray won a string of key prizes for “Lost in Translation” leading up to the Oscars, including a Golden Globe, an Independent Spirit Award and honors from many critics groups.

When he lost on Oscar night, it was a lesson not to get your hopes up too high, Murray said in an interview.

“You can’t get all ramped up and amped up about this thing all the time,” Murray said. “I mean, I got excited about it once, and it was odd. I won all the prizes, I won literally all the prizes all the way up to the last one. And I really thought, well, ‘I’ve just to go get this thing, I’ll be right back.’”

“And then I didn’t win, and I thought, ‘Well, that’s odd. How odd is that? I’m feeling so odd now.’ And I came all dressed up and didn’t win. So I’m not going to get all crazy about that.”

Murray is a rare comic actor who has evolved into a performer with the depth to create characters that put him into the awards mix with such films as “Rushmore,” “Get Low” and “Broken Flowers.”

The former “Saturday Night Live” regular and crazy man of “Ghostbusters,” “Caddyshack”



Bill Murray, a cast member in the film “Hyde Park on Hudson,” poses for a portrait at the 2012 Toronto Film Festival, Sunday, Sept. 9, 2012, in Toronto.

and “Stripes” first dabbled in heavy drama with a 1984 adaptation of W. Somerset Maugham’s “The Razor’s Edge.” Audiences and critics were not kind.

The reaction toughened him up for the inevitable double-takes as people mull the notion: Bill Murray as Franklin Roosevelt?

After “The Razor’s Edge,” “I remember a certain famous movie reviewer saying, ‘Bill Murray should not be allowed to do anything but comedy,’ which

I reminded him of at the Cannes Film Festival when I was nominated for an Oscar,” Murray said. “Sometimes when you’ve got a biopic and they go, ‘Jerry Lewis will play Albert Einstein’ or something, the first thing is, ‘No, don’t buy it. Not for a second.’”

Murray knows people may have trouble buying him as Roosevelt. But he approached the character with the same thoughts he had when he played writer Hunter S. Thompson in 1980’s “Where the Buffalo Roam.”

The actor already was friends with Thompson, and when it came time to capture the writer on film, Murray aimed to bring out the writer’s brightest qualities.

“I had the feeling of, like, ‘I’ve got to revere the best of this person,’” Murray said. “The same with Roosevelt. I had to revere the best of him.”

Murray is a very credible Roosevelt, capturing the grace, humor, subtle tact and homey wisdom of the president as he plays host to the king and queen of Britain, who have come over to seek American support as World War II approaches.

Directed by Roger Michell (“Notting Hill”), “Hyde Park on the Hudson” is told largely through the eyes of Roosevelt’s spinster cousin (Laura Linney), a confidante of the president. The film opens in U.S. theaters in December.

Murray’s sister had polio, the disease that crippled Roosevelt, so the actor said he had a strong sense of how to play the president’s body language as he struggles on crutches, is pushed about in a wheelchair or is curled like a child in the arms of aides who lift him in and out of cars.

Capturing Roosevelt’s voice was the bigger challenge. Murray worked with a voice coach to break down the unusual mix of vowel sounds in Roosevelt’s speech.

“It’s upstate New York, it’s a little bit of Dutch in it, because he’s Dutch. It almost sounds Scandinavian. They’ve got kind of an ‘oot’ and ‘aboot’ thing, like Minnesota, Wisconsin, in there sometime,” Murray said. “It’s just an inconsistent voice. It jumps around a little bit, so you had to be kind of flexible with it. I just tried to get as much of it in me as I could.”

MacFarlane is guest host as ‘SNL’ starts season

NEW YORK (AP)—You might think Seth MacFarlane has a show-biz to-do list.

By now, he’s checked off ventures like his animated TV shows (led by “Family Guy”), his recording of show tunes, live performances at Carnegie Hall and this summer’s film comedy, “Ted,” which he directed, wrote and provided the title character’s voice for.

Now MacFarlane will serve as guest host this week for the season premiere of NBC’s “Saturday Night Live.”

Was this just the next gig on his to-do list?

“Not exactly,” MacFarlane said Tuesday. “When things come up, I tackle them if they sound fun. That’s how I decide what to do and what not to do. It’s what sounds like it’s going to be a good time.”

But there’s another reason he was reporting to the legendary

live sketch comedy show.

“They asked me,” he explained. “It’s the kind of thing you don’t say ‘no’ to if you’re in comedy.”

For a multimedia comedy impresario, MacFarlane might not seem ideally suited to “SNL,” where he is being treated warmly, but not in his customary role as the boss.

“It’s always a nice break to NOT be the guy in charge,” he insisted. And with his edition of “SNL” being polished off in just a week, the routine should prove a refreshing change, too. “It’s the complete antithesis of the nine months it takes us to do one episode of an animated series.”

While MacFarlane arrived Monday with a few sketch ideas, “this is a large writing staff that’s well equipped to do what they

do,” he pointed out. “I sat in on a pitch where writers threw out a bunch of one-line sketch ideas, and there were a lot of hilarious ones. There’s no shortage of fresh stuff.”

But along with comedy, will the silver-throated MacFarlane sing a song on the show?

“Possibly,” he said.

“But it’s too soon to tell.”

As the series begins its 38th season (Saturday at 11:30 p.m. EDT), MacFarlane will be sharing the bill with musical guest Frank Ocean. Meanwhile, cast member Cecily Strong and featured players Aidy Bryant and Tim Robinson will be joining the troupe.

But absent from the scene will be veteran players Kristen Wiig and Andy Samberg, as well as Abby Elliott.



MacFarlane

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Cast: Milla Jovovich, Michelle Rodriguez
Action • Rated R

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Friday		7:00	9:30
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Cast: Albert Brooks, Ellen DeGeneres, Willem Dafoe
Children's/family • Rated G

EVIL GOES GLOBAL **Resident Evil: Retribution 2D**

Friday		4:30
Saturday		4:30
Sunday		4:30
Monday thru Tuesday		4:30

Cast: Milla Jovovich, Michelle Rodriguez
Action • Rated R

FINDING NEMO **Finding Nemo 2D**

Friday		4:00
Saturday		4:00
Sunday		4:00
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Cast: Albert Brooks, Ellen DeGeneres, Willem Dafoe
Children's/family • Rated G

THE POSSESSION

Friday		4:25	7:25	9:50
Saturday	1:25	4:25	7:25	9:50
Sunday	1:25	4:25	7:25	
Monday thru Tuesday		4:25	7:25	

Cast: Jeffrey Dean Morgan, Kyra Sedgwick
Thriller, Horror • Rated PG13

THE ODD LIFE OF TIMOTHY GREEN

Friday		4:20	7:20	9:35
Saturday	1:20	4:20	7:20	9:35
Sunday	1:20	4:20	7:20	
Monday thru Tuesday		4:20	7:20	

Cast: Jennifer Garner, Joel Edgerton
Comedy, Drama, Fantasy • Rated PG

THE EXPENDABLES 2

Friday		4:40	7:10	9:55
Saturday	1:10	4:40	7:10	9:55
Sunday	1:10	4:40	7:10	
Monday thru Tuesday		4:40	7:10	

Cast: Sylvester Stallone, Jason Statham, Jet Li
Action • Rated R

PARANORMAN

Friday		4:15	7:15	9:30
Saturday	1:15	4:15	7:15	9:30
Sunday	1:15	4:15	7:15	
Monday thru Tuesday		4:15	7:15	

Cast: Susan Duceck, Donna Lynn Leavy
Children's/family • Rated PG

BOURNE LEGACY

Friday		4:05	7:05	9:40
Saturday	1:05	4:05	7:05	9:40
Sunday	1:05	4:05	7:05	
Monday thru Tuesday		4:05	7:05	

Cast: Jeremy Renner, Rachel Weisz
Spy film, Action • Rated PG13

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Grandma is slow to cheer a wedding that's overdue

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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DEAR ABBY: My daughter is annoyed with me because I'm not jumping up and down with joy over my grandson's forthcoming wedding. Yes, I am happy they're getting married, but how excited can I get? The two have been sexually involved since they met in high school four years ago. She was 16; he was 17.

For the past two years, he and his girlfriend have shared an apartment and lived as man and wife. The bride-to-be's parents are not exactly thrilled either at the expense of a white gown and a few hundred chicken dinners, hall and band. However, my daughter insists on it and wants everybody to get excited.

OK—so I'm excited. Whoopee.



Dear Abby

GRANNY MAE

DEAR GRANNY MAE: You are focusing on the wrong thing. Your grandson and his fiancée care enough about each other to commit, in a public ceremony, to spending their lives together. That's a positive step that deserves to be celebrated.

Whether you or I approve of couples living together is beside the point. They are adults and it was their choice. Be happy that they are now tying the knot to bind themselves together in a more permanent union.

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DEAR ABBY: My sister, "Doris," got divorced 10 years ago. Since then, she's lost a lot of weight and had extensive plastic surgery. She now dresses in as little clothing as possible to show off her body.

We frequently have family get-togethers, and I notice my husband, "Rod," looking at Doris in a sexual way. She seems to appreciate it. At the last family gathering, she wore black thong underwear. I know because it became impossible to ignore after she positioned herself on her chair so that her pants dropped down, exposing her fanny.

I am upset with her. I told my mother I'd like to limit these get-togethers. Now my mother is mad at me. She says I am being silly and unreasonable. What do you think?

HURTING IN SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, CALIF.

DEAR HURTING: Your sister is overcompensating for all those years she felt unattractive. I hope she learns quickly that the kind of attention she's getting from dressing so seductively isn't the kind that lasts.

P.S. In the interest of your marriage, your husband should be less obvious about his ogling since it's making you feel insecure. If you haven't done so already, please mention it.

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DEAR ABBY: My daughters attend a high school where a "Sadie Hawkins" dance has been planned for the students. The problem is, the guys at their school think it's "cool" to wait until the day before the dance to answer the girls' invitations. These are otherwise polite young men, but they see no problem in making the girl wait until the last minute to know if she even has a date for the event.

I think this is extremely rude and inconsiderate. What is your opinion? And what do you suggest the girls say to the young men who leave them hanging?

MOM WHO CARES IN ARIZONA

DEAR MOM WHO CARES: The courteous way to respond when invited out is to accept or say no PROMPTLY. I agree that it's rude to keep someone hanging. If your daughters don't get a response within a reasonable amount of time—say, 24 to 48 hours—they should invite someone else. And when the original boy finally comes up with his acceptance, he should be told, "Sorry, when I didn't hear back from you, I asked someone else."

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Klum: I was faithful to Seal while we were wed

NEW YORK (AP)—Heidi Klum is denying that she had an affair with her bodyguard while married to pop singer Seal. But now, having split from Seal, she says she is seeing the bodyguard.

On Wednesday's edition of the Katie Couric talk show, Klum said she "never looked at another man" while she and Seal were together. But more recently, she and the family's bodyguard of four years have gotten to know

each other "from a completely different side."

Klum chose not to call their connection a relationship, saying, "it's just started." She called him "a great man."

Seal criticized Klum for having a relationship with the man before their divorce was final.

The 39-year-old supermodel and TV star filed for divorce from Seal earlier this year after seven years of marriage. They have four children.



This May 7, 2012 file photo shows model and TV host Heidi Klum arriving at the Metropolitan Museum of Art Costume Institute gala benefit in New York.

Bob Dylan: Stigma of slavery ruined America

NEW YORK (AP)—Bob Dylan says the stigma of slavery ruined America and he doubts the country can get rid of the shame because it was "founded on the backs of slaves."

The veteran musician tells Rolling Stone that in America "people (are) at each other's throats just because they are of a different color," adding that "it will hold any nation back." He also says blacks know that some whites

"didn't want to give up slavery."

The 71-year-old Dylan said, "If slavery had been given up in a more peaceful way, America would be far ahead today."

When asked if President Barack Obama was helping to shift a change, Dylan says: "I don't have any opinion on that. You have to change your heart if you want to change."

The magazine's new issue hits newsstands Friday.



Kathy Bates recovering from double mastectomy

NEW YORK (AP)—Kathy Bates says she is recovering from a double mastectomy.

The Oscar-winning actress tweeted on Wednesday that she was diagnosed with breast cancer two months ago. But in a separate

This Jan. 27, 2012 file photo shows actress Kathy Bates arriving at the Australian Academy of Cinema and Television Arts Awards at the Soho House, in Los Angeles.

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General asks preacher not to back anti-Muslim film

WASHINGTON (AP)—The top U.S. military official has asked a Florida preacher to withdraw his support of the anti-Muslim film that may have fueled the fatal attack on the American embassy in Libya. Gen. Martin Dempsey called Terry Jones Wednesday to express his concerns about the film, saying it could inflame tensions and trigger violence. Dempsey spokesman Col. Dave Lapan said Jones did not say whether he would limit or continue his backing of the movie, "Innocence of Muslims." Video excerpts have been available online. Jones' call to burn Qurans in 2010 triggered Pentagon worries that it could endanger the lives of U.S. troops in Afghanistan and Iraq. He called off the burning, but his discussions triggered unrest in Afghanistan.

Kanye West nominated for 17 BET Hip-Hop Awards

ATLANTA (AP)—Kanye West hasn't released a solo album since 2010, but the rapper has kept relevant with another strong year. Now, BET is taking notice. West received the most nomi-

post, she said she doesn't miss her breasts as much as "Harry's Law," her NBC law drama that was canceled last May.

An ovarian cancer survivor for "nine years and counting," Bates, 64, released a statement through her publicist saying that she decided to have the operation "after much consideration" and won't have to undergo radiation or chemotherapy. Her doctors have assured her she'll

be around "for a long time."

"My family calls me Kat because I always land on my feet and thankfully this is no exception," Bates said. "I'm looking forward to getting back to work doing what I love to do."

Bates won a Best Actress Oscar in 1991 for "Misery," and this year is nominated for two Emmys: For "Harry's Law" and for her guest shot on "Two and a Half Men."

nations with 17 for the seventh annual BET Hip-Hop Awards, which will air Oct. 9. The rapper has had a big year as a producer, performer and director. He also collaborated with Jay-Z on the album, "Watch the Throne." The nominations were announced Wednesday. The ceremony will be taped Sept. 29 at Atlanta's Boisfeuillet Jones Atlanta Civic Center. Actor and comedian Mike Epps will return as host for the fourth straight year. Hip-hop mogul Chris Lighty, who committed suicide earlier this month, will be honored during the show. Lighty was the manager for Mariah Carey, Sean "Diddy" Combs and 50 Cent.

Former Goldman Sachs exec has book deal

NEW YORK (AP)—Months after reports of a deal first emerged, Grand Central Publishing has confirmed that it signed up former Goldman Sachs executive Greg Smith for a book coming in October. Smith made news in March when he wrote an Op-ed piece that ran in The New York Times and condemned the loss of "moral fiber" at the investment bank. He had been an executive director at Gold-

man and his letter marked his last day there after nearly 12 years. Grand Central announced Wednesday that Smith's "Why I Left Goldman Sachs: A Wall Street Story" will come out Oct. 22. A Grand Central spokesman declined to comment on reports that Smith's deal was worth \$1.5 million. The publisher said the book will be a call for "genuine financial reform."

50 years after forming X-Men, Professor X dead

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Fifty years after Charles Xavier banded his first class of mutants together as the X-Men, the telepath-turned-team builder has been killed by one of them. The erstwhile teacher, who trained mutants in Marvel Entertainment's X-Men comics through the years, was felled in the latest issue of "Avengers vs. X-Men" by none other than Scott Summers. The 11th issue of the limited-series was released Wednesday. Summers, aka Cyclops, was one of the team's founding members and was a near constant member through its various incarnations. In the current series, he's been taken over by the Phoenix force and is lashing out, violently.

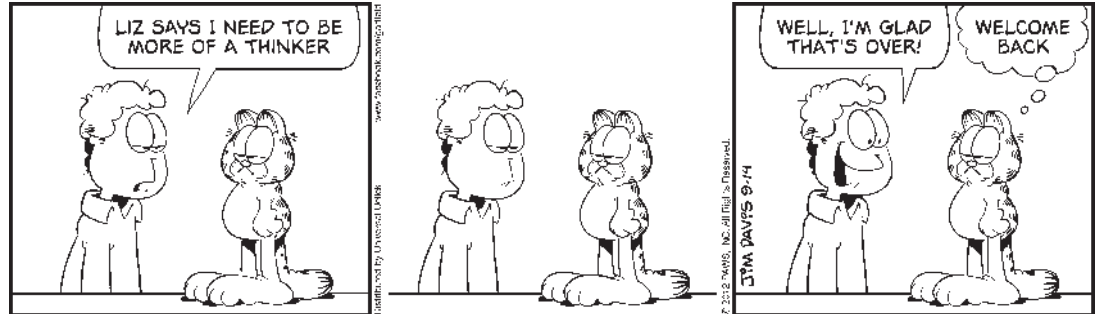
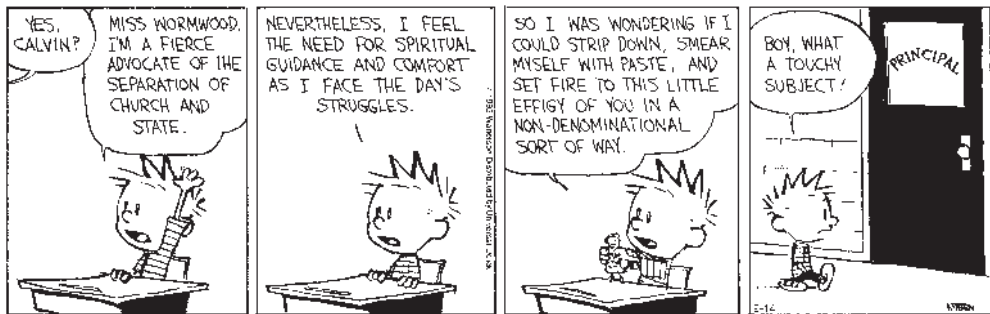
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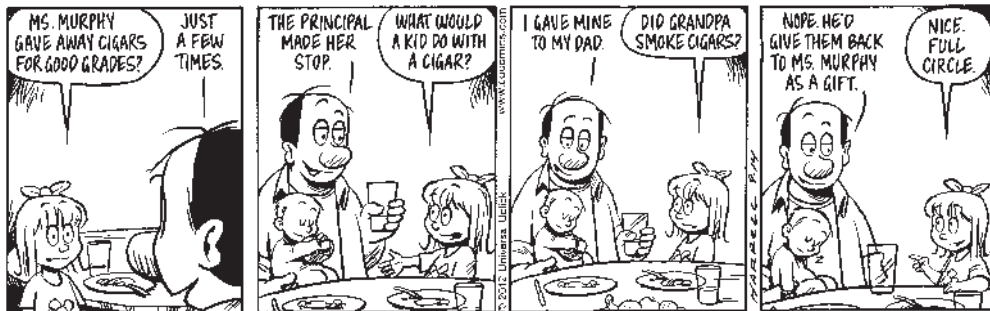


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14 Flirtatious look
15 Review
17 Roddick or Rooney
18 Popular logic puzzle
19 Nonstick spray
21 Teensy
22 Unrivaled
26 Tatter
29 Mole, e.g.
30 Off-chanted letters
31 Revolutionary period?
32 They're between mis and sols
33 Architect — van der Rohe
34 A Bobbey twin

DOWN

35 Cleo's slayer
36 In one's cups
37 In-group
39 Ger.
40 Actress
41 "Doonesbury"
45 Arp's style
48 Chic shop
50 Tidy
51 Bancroft or Boleyn
52 Salt Lake athlete
53 Actress Jessica
54 No stay-at-home

16 Eiffel's master-work
20 Whatever amount
23 Witticism
24 Works with
25 Uncomplicated
26 Harmonization
27 Get better
28 Hindu princess
29 Express
32 Sleazy hotel
33 — Vanilli
35 "Fee fi fo —"
36 Person with a horn?
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Solution time: 25 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 9-14

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Kimberly Williams-Paisley, 41; Melissa Leo, 52; Calum Keith Rennie, 52; Sam Neill, 65.

Happy Birthday: Emotions will be difficult to control, and your reactions may lead you into situations that you cannot reverse. Make sure that you are ready to accept the outcome before you venture down a path that leads to an unwanted change. Choose your words and your actions wisely and you can win in the end. Love is highlighted. Your numbers are 8, 15, 24, 28, 34, 36, 47.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You can make a change from one source of revenue to another if you put your creative imagination into play and utilize your skills and talents differently. A new spin to something you've done in the past will raise interest. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Take what you do best and put it to work for you. Apply for a new job or sign up for a course that will help you earn more money. Put greater emphasis on getting ahead. ****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Be careful not to send the wrong message. The effects you have on the people around you and the way things are done will put you in a position of accountability. **

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You've got what it takes to reach your set goals. Don't hesitate to move forward with your plans. Change is necessary if you want to

get ahead. Talk matters over with personal partners. ***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Resolve past issues. Love and partnerships should rank high on your list of things to take care of. In order to explore new goals, you have to make it clear what your position is in the different relationships you have with people. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't act on impulse or let emotional matters take you on a roller coaster. A practical approach to personal matters will lead to the answers you need in order to follow a dream you've wanted to pursue personally or professionally. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Collect or pay off old debts. The less you have hanging over your head, the easier it will be to put new endeavors into play. Don't keep secrets. Face problems so you can move on. Prepare to walk away if someone overreacts. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't limit what you can do because you don't think you have the skills or talent to excel. You have to believe in yourself if you want others to see what you have to offer. Make your home more conducive to creativity. ****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Face any accusations being made with honesty. You have so much to look forward to once you have cleared up any matters that are standing in your way. Love is on the rise, and a change at home will be exhilarating. **

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Turn on the charm and present what you have to offer. Your practical vision of future trends will draw the attention of those wanting to get in on the action. A financial deal can change your life. *****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Avoid any sort of aggressive action. Keeping your life simple and sticking to a moderate lifestyle will help balance what you are trying to clear up from your past in order to move forward with future plans. Love is highlighted. ***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Emotions will be difficult to control, but if you channel your energy into peace and love, you will benefit from the connections you make to people sharing your goals, beliefs and values. Excess will turn out to be the enemy. ***

Birthday Baby: You have spunk and plenty of personality. You attract attention and popularity.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★★★ 9/14

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Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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Difficulty Level ★★★ 9/17

WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

CHROMATIC SNEAKERS

Solution: 8 letters

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Rays stumble offensively in 3-2 loss to Orioles



BALTIMORE

(AP)—Manny Machado led off the ninth inning with a single and scored the winning run on a single by Nate McLouth, and the Baltimore Orioles beat the Tampa Bay Rays 3-2 Wednesday night to retain a share of first place in the AL East.

The rookie also made a key defensive play in the top of the ninth for the Orioles, who moved 18 games over .500 (80-62) for the first time since the end of the 1997 season.

Baltimore started the day tied atop the division with the New York Yankees, who beat Boston 5-4. The Orioles will seek to complete a three-game sweep of Tampa Bay on Thursday.

B.J. Upton homered for the Rays, who fell three games behind the Orioles and Yankees. Tampa Bay stranded 11 and went 2 for 10 with runners in scoring position.

Machado led off the ninth with a single off Kyle Farnsworth (1-5), took second on a bunt and scored when McLouth hit a liner off the right-field wall.

Jim Johnson (2-1) got the win.

Yankees 5, Red Sox 4

In Boston, Curtis Granderson hit two home runs, Robinson Cano also homered and New York defeated Boston to remain tied for first place in the AL East.

The Yankees finished the game without Derek Jeter, who left in the eighth after pulling up lame running out a double-play grounder to end the inning.

Manager Joe Girardi said Jeter wanted to stay in the game, but he told the shortstop to go put ice on his foot. Girardi said it was a bone bruise, but Jeter said it was a sprained ankle that was no big deal.

David Phelps (4-4) gave up one run in 5 2-3 innings, striking out five. Rafael Soriano got four outs for his 37th save, but not before allowing a solo homer to Jarrod Saltalamacchia to lead off the ninth.

Tigers 8, White Sox 6

In Chicago, Max Scherzer pitched six effective innings to earn his career-high 16th win, Prince Fielder hit a three-run homer and Detroit beat Chicago to move within a game of the first-place White Sox in the AL Central.

Scherzer (16-6) allowed a run and four hits, including the first of two homers by Kevin Youkilis. The right-hander struck out seven to increase his major league-leading total to 220 and improved to 10-1 over his last 14 starts.

The series finale Thursday night features a pair of aces, with Detroit's Justin Verlander facing White Sox lefty

Chris Sale.

Fielder hit his 26th homer in the seventh against reliever Leyson Septimo, snapping an 0-for-18 slump and giving the Tigers a 6-1 lead.

Youkilis belted a three-run shot off Joaquin Benoit in the eighth to get the White Sox within three. Jose Valverde earned his 30th save in 34 chances.

Rangers 5, Indians 2

In Arlington, Texas, Josh Hamilton and Adrian Beltre homered before each left the game with injuries, and Texas beat the slumping Cleveland Indians.

Hamilton was removed as a precaution in the eighth inning with a sore left knee.

Beltre hit a two-run homer in the first, his 13th in 20 games, before exiting in the fifth with a strained left shoulder. He was scheduled for an MRI.

Ryan Dempster (11-6) won his fifth straight start and improved to 6-1 since he was acquired by the Rangers from the Chicago Cubs on July 31. The right-hander allowed two runs and struck out eight in seven innings.

Joe Nathan, who has converted his last 31 save opportunities, pitched the ninth for his 33rd save of the season.

Hamilton hit a 434-foot solo shot in the third. He leads the majors with 41 home runs and 121 RBIs.

Cleveland led the AL Central on June 23 but is 15-43 since the All-Star break. Jeanmar Gomez (5-8) allowed five runs and six hits in four innings.

Athletics 4, Angels 1

In Anaheim, Calif., A.J. Griffin threw eight scoreless innings, becoming the second Athletics pitcher in 85 years to start his major league career with six straight wins, and Yoenis Cespedes homered to help Oakland beat Los Angeles.

The Athletics, who can sweep the four-game series by beating Angels ace Jered Weaver on Thursday, have won 15 of 18 and are 22 games over .500 (82-60) for the first time since the 2006 club finished 93-69.

The A's won their 12th consecutive road game, matching the 1971 squad for the longest streak since the club relocated from Kansas City to Oakland in 1968. The franchise record is 14 in a row, set in May 1931.

Oakland's road winning streak is the longest in the majors since 2003, when Seattle won 13 straight away from Safeco Field.

Griffin (6-0) struck out six and walked none in the longest of his 11 career starts. The 24-year-old right-hander, one of four rookies in the A's rotation, lowered his ERA to 1.94 in his third start off the disabled list.

Sean Doolittle gave up a leadoff homer in the ninth by



Baltimore Orioles' Manny Machado reacts as he scores on a single by Nate McLouth in the ninth inning of a baseball game against the Tampa Bay Rays in Baltimore, Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2012.

Albert Pujols before Ryan Cook got the final out for his 14th save. Pujols became the first major league player with 30 homers in each of his first 12 seasons and tied Stan Musial and Willie Stargell for 28th place on the career list with No. 475.

Royals 10, Twins 5

In Minneapolis, Billy Butler had three hits and three RBIs, and Kansas City's bullpen picked up struggling starter Luke Hochevar with four scoreless innings in a victory over Minnesota.

Hochevar (8-13) won for the first time in eight starts, but he gave up five runs on six hits with four walks in five innings. Tim Collins pitched two innings before Kevin Herrera and Francisley Bueno finished the game.

P.J. Walters (2-4) gave up six runs on seven hits in four innings and Twins left fielder Ryan Doumit was charged with three errors in the eighth to help the Royals put the game out of reach.

Mariners 3, Blue Jays 2

In Toronto, Miguel Olivo hit a solo home run and Kevin Millwood won consecutive starts for the first time since May as Seattle beat Toronto.

Edwin Encarnacion hit his 39th homer, a two-run drive into the second deck, but it wasn't enough to keep Ricky Romero (8-14) from losing his 13th straight decision. The Blue Jays managed only two hits against five Mariners pitchers.

Millwood (6-12), who entered 1-6 in nine career starts at Toronto, allowed two runs and two hits in five innings to win back-to-back starts for the first time since winning three straight from May 13-23. The right-hander, who walked one and struck out three, has won just three of 19 starts since. He was lifted with stiffness in his pitching shoulder.

Phillies 3, Marlins 1

In Philadelphia, Jimmy Rollins hit a two-run homer and Cliff Lee pitched seven strong innings to lead the streaking Philadelphia Phillies to their seventh straight win, defeating the Miami Marlins.

The Phillies continued their late push for an NL wild-card spot with a three-game sweep of the Marlins. Up next for the Phillies, four games in Houston against the NL-worst Astros.

Philadelphia pulled within three games of St. Louis for the second wild card. The Phillies

(72-71) are on a season-best win streak and have won 15 of 19 to move over .500 for the first time since June 3 (28-27).

Rollins hit a two-run homer off Josh Johnson (8-12) in the seventh for a 3-1 lead.

Phillippe Aumont worked a scoreless eighth and Jonathan Papelbon completed the four-hitter with his 34th save.

Nationals 2, Mets 0

In New York, John Lannan pitched 5 2-3 shutout innings and Washington lowered its magic number for clinching a playoff berth to six with a win over punchless New York.

Ryan Zimmerman homered in the fourth off rookie Matt Harvey (3-5) and Ian Desmond connected off Jon Rauch in the eighth, helping the NL East leaders complete a three-game sweep.

Lannan (3-0) allowed five hits, struck out two and walked one in the slot that opened when the Nationals cut short Stephen Strasburg's season by imposing an innings limit to protect his surgically repaired right elbow.

Reds 2, Pirates 1

In Cincinnati, Homer Bailey pitched seven solid innings and Cincinnati came up with just enough offense to squeeze out a win over Pittsburgh for a three-game sweep.

The Reds (87-57) scored both of their runs on outs while widening their lead in the NL Central over second-place St. Louis to 1 1/2 games.

Bailey (11-9) allowed six hits and one run with two walks and four strikeouts to extend his career high in victories. J.J. Hoover worked the ninth for his first career save.

Pittsburgh starter A.J. Burnett (15-7) allowed five hits and two runs with two walks and eight strikeouts.

Giants 8, Rockies 3

In Denver, Tim Lincecum pitched effectively for six innings, Brandon Crawford doubled twice and drove in two runs, and San Francisco beat Colorado.

Marco Scutaro added three hits, including a pair of run-scoring singles, to help the NL West-leading Giants take two of three from the Rockies and improve to 21-7 on the road since the All-Star break, best in the NL. They are unbeaten in their last nine series on the road (8-0-1).

Lincecum (9-14) allowed three runs on six hits. He finished with eight strikeouts and four walks in his career-best fifth straight road win.

Padres 3, Cardinals 2

In San Diego, Clayton Richard pitched seven strong innings and rookie Yasmani Grandal singled home the go-ahead run to lift as San Diego handed St. Louis its 11th loss in 15 games.

The Cardinals came in

with a one-game lead over Los Angeles for the second NL wild card.

Logan Forsythe hit a solo home run for the Padres, who completed a three-game sweep of St. Louis for the first time since August 1995.

Richard (13-12) outpitched Kyle Lohse and gave up only three hits, including a two-run homer by Matt Carpenter that tied the game at 2 in the sixth. The left-hander struck out five.

Diamondbacks 3, Dodgers 2

In Phoenix, Justin Upton and Gerardo Parra hit consecutive RBI singles to support Trevor Cahill's seven strong innings as Arizona sent Los Angeles to its sixth loss in seven games.

The Dodgers squandered a chance to pull even with St. Louis for the second NL wild card.

Pitching with a 2-1 lead, Dodgers starter Aaron Harang issued consecutive two-out walks in the sixth. Upton followed with a single to tie the game 2-all and end Harang's night. Left-hander Randy Choate came on and allowed Parra's go-ahead single to right.

Cahill (11-11) scattered four hits, struck out seven and did not walk a batter.

Harang (9-9) allowed four hits in 5 2-3 innings but walked four. He struck out two.

Brewers 8, Braves 2

In Milwaukee, Rickie Weeks blasted a three-run home run and Travis Ishikawa hit a bases-clearing double in an eight-run fifth inning for Milwaukee in a win over Atlanta.

The Brewers moved within three games of St. Louis for the second NL wild card. Despite the loss, the Braves continue to have a strong hold on the top wild card position.

Yovani Gallardo pitched seven strong innings and added a run-scoring double for Milwaukee. He gave up two runs on only four hits while walking three and striking out six.

Cubs 5, Astros 1

In Houston, Alfonso Soriano finished a triple shy of the cycle and drove in two runs, and Travis Wood allowed one run in 7 2-3 innings to lead Chicago over Houston.

Wood (6-11) gave up four hits and struck out six for his second straight win. Wood has allowed only one run in his last two starts, spanning 13 2-3 innings.

Fernando Abad (0-4) gave up a run on four hits in 3 1-3 innings with two strikeouts and three walks. In his four starts this season, Abad has not lasted longer than 4 1-3 innings.

Houston reliever Mickey Storey left the game with a contusion to his right hand and the right side of his jaw after being hit in the side of face by a line drive in the eighth.

Tebow's role with Jets remains unclear after debut



FLORHAM PARK, N.J.

(AP)—Tim Tebow ran out onto the field for the New York Jets' first offensive play of the season as a starter.

Not at quarterback, of course. That's Mark Sanchez's job. But in his Jets debut last Sunday, there was Tebow lined up on the right side of the line as a slot receiver—officially listed as a tight end.

The crowd cheered, Tebow ran a harmless route and then headed back to the sideline. A sprinkling of Tebow and the wildcat package turned out to be more than enough in a 48-28 rout of the Bills.

"I'm definitely competitive, but the No. 1 thing to help competitiveness is winning football games," said Tebow, who was involved in only 10 of the Jets' offensive snaps. "However I can help this team to win football games, that's the ultimate goal."

That's coming from a guy who has always expressed a desire to be a starting quarterback in the NFL, and led Denver to the playoffs in that role after earning the job last season.

With the Jets, at least through the first game, he's merely a contributor who ran five times for 11 yards and didn't throw a pass. But he's a player who gives opponents fits because they have to plan for him, regardless. That includes Pittsburgh, which might see Tebow maybe as little as Buffalo did. Steelers coach Mike Tomlin knows better, though, than to brush off Tebow's presence.

"That's something that they control, from a play-calling standpoint," Tomlin said Wednesday. "I know that we better be prepared for more than what I saw him do in the game on Sunday."

After all, Tomlin and the Steelers have seen him do a lot more. Tebow knocked them out of the playoffs last season with an 80-yard touchdown pass to Demaryius Thomas in overtime in Denver last season.

"Obviously, he's a capable passer," Tomlin said. "That's an element of it that we need to be prepared for."

And that is exactly why the Jets—particularly coach Rex Ryan, general manager Mike Tannenbaum, offensive coordinator Tony Sparano and owner Woody Johnson—wanted Tebow on their team.

Some have said New York's trade for the quarterback in March was purely a publicity stunt. The Jets have said it makes them a better offense, one with an unpredictable presence that might be unmatched in the entire league. After all, Tebow is a 6-foot-3, 250-pound, rock-solid guy who can run it, toss it or throw a block—as he did on a few special teams plays last week.

The element of surprise is



This Sept. 9, 2012 file photo shows New York Jets quarterback Tim Tebow calling signals during the fourth quarter of an NFL football game against the Buffalo Bills, in East Rutherford, N.J.

part of the playbook, and one that can't be overlooked. Just because the Jets used him sparingly in Week 1 doesn't mean there won't be a whole lot of Tebow Time this Sunday at Pittsburgh, or next week at Miami, and so on.

"We're never going to put a number out there," Ryan said of what percentage of plays made for Tebow were used against the Bills. "We're going to leave it as is. It will always be in the game plan. We'll see how much we need to use it, how little we'll do and how much we'll do. It'll obviously depend on what we think is in our best interest."

"Will it vary from week to week? It probably will, but teams need to prepare for it."

Tebow ran only two true wildcat plays against the Bills, with Sanchez lined up at wide-out. Most of his other snaps came out of the read-option, and for only the fifth time in his NFL career, he didn't throw a pass in a game in which he has played.

He even got surprisingly booed for the first time as a member of the Jets when he failed to gain anything on a second-and-6 play from the Bills 12. Some fans and media reasoned that it might have taken away from the rhythm Sanchez was in with the offense at that point, forcing Tebow into the mix unnecessarily.

"It's something that I've had to do before," Tebow said of his various roles. "My first year in Denver and my first four games last year, and also my freshman year at Florida, I had a role similar to this."

But he's also coming off a magical season in which he had comeback after comeback and was the starting quarterback for a playoff team.

"This is a new opportunity, a new team and I'm excited to be

here," he said. "I'm not looking back at the past. I'm just trying to do the best I can with the present and look forward to the future."

Bills, county open to 1-year lease extension

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y.

(AP)—Stalled lease negotiations have led to the Buffalo Bills and Erie County favoring a one-year lease extension that would allow the team to keep playing at Ralph Wilson Stadium next season while talks continue on a long-term deal.

County executive Mark Poloncarz announced Wednesday that he and the Bills have agreed in principle to extend the lease if necessary if a new deal is not in place once the current one expires July 31. Poloncarz's announcement came after Bills CEO Russ Brandon raised concerns about the lack of progress in negotiations to reach a long-term deal.

"By doing an extension, it guarantees the Bills are here for the full 2013 season, and it gives us ample time during the next 18 months or so to continue these negotiations," said Poloncarz.

Poloncarz said the state is also on board with a one-year extension, and expects a formal agreement to be signed "fairly quick."

Brandon went public with his concerns by informing The Buffalo News that negotiations had stalled in a story published Wednesday morning. Brandon then repeated his concerns in an interview with The Associated Press.

"They have stalled over the last few months, and hopefully, we'll restart the process and reset the calendar in the near future," he said. "We've been ready to go and have been in discussions with the appropri-

Tebow has consistently said all the right things since coming to New York, refusing to add any fuel to the fire by saying

he wants to be out there more or thinks he could do more. Sanchez, to his credit, has also been careful with what he has

going to continue to move forward. And I'm hopeful that we're going to get a lease done as soon as possible. I'm just disappointed it's not going to get done by the end of this year."

Poloncarz expects the new one-year deal would be similar to the team's existing lease.

Poloncarz and the state have a meeting set for Sept. 21, but noted the last time the three parties all met together was June 29.

Lt. Gov. Robert Duffy disputed claims that negotiations have stalled, saying state representatives have been in constant negotiations with the team and local government for the last several months.

"Let's set the record straight: the governor and this administration are actively negotiating in good faith with the Bills," Duffy said in a released statement.

"Keeping the Bills in Buffalo is critically important to the state and the region. And this administration is committed to doing everything we can to ensure that the Bills remain in western New York," Duffy said. "If taxpayers are going to be asked for substantial financial support for stadium improvements, they must be assured of a long term commitment by the Bills to stay in Buffalo regardless of future ownership."

Josh Vlasto, spokesman for New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, noted that the state hired attorney Irwin Rajj last month to assist in negotiations. Rajj specializes in stadium development projects and lease agreements. He was most recently represented Guggenheim Baseball

Management in buying the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Vlasto also noted that Cuomo included spending millions to retain the Bills among his list of "critical economic development projects."

The state has a large stake in keeping the Bills, because the team is estimated to generate between \$15 million and \$20 million in state taxes. Erie County also has a stake, because it controls the stadium lease.

Brandon sidestepped a question of how confident he was that a deal with all the parties would be completed.

"I'm very confident that we have our ducks in the proverbial row to sit down and have meaningful and thoughtful conversations with our stakeholders," he said. "It's our No. 1 initiative. So we're always ready and willing to talk at the drop of a hat. We're ready to go at any point, and have been over a year."

The Bills are also negotiating with Rogers Communications to renew a five-year series of home games Buffalo plays in Toronto. The current deal runs out this year after the Bills "host" the Seattle Seahawks in Canada's largest city and financial capital on Dec. 16.

Brandon said he expects to resume discussions with Rogers officials within the next three weeks. He said talks were delayed because the team was focused on training camp, the start of the season and lease negotiations.

Brandon said lease talks will have no effect on renewing the deal to play in Toronto.

said when it comes to Tebow, and entered the season more focused than ever.

"I think he's handled everything well," Sanchez said of Tebow, whom he considers a friend. "He's really come in and fit in with our team. He's tried to be a team guy all the way. He understands that he's going to get opportunities to touch the football and when he does, he wants to make the most of them. ... If I were in his shoes, I don't know how I'd handle some of the stuff he goes through, but it's fun to talk about in the quarterbacks room."

Tebow is still undoubtedly the biggest personality on the team, and very possibly the most popular athlete in the entire New York sports scene. Whether his impact on the field matches all that hype, well, that's for opponents to find out.

From week to week, game by game.

"Whenever you get called on, you want to be able to go in there and be effective and efficient, and you want to help the team to try and get a victory," Tebow said. "You do that by creating first downs and hopefully being able to get in the end zone."

Fantastic Baby! leads Bud Light Master Division

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SOS Bar & Grill's Fantastic Baby! is back on the driver's seat of the Saipan Electronic Dart Association's Masters Division, while there is a bottleneck between Joe's Steakhouse's Oneshot and Bammy's Restaurant & Bar's DJ Fish for the top spot in the B-Fanihi Division after completion of the

»Two-way tie in B-Fanihi league

grouping's 2012 Summer/Fall Bud Light Dart League matchups last week.

In addition, Naked Fish Bar & Grill's Hafa Mas and Jonny's Bar & Grill's Kyodai remain in control over at SEDA's C and B-Flame Tree divisions.

Master's Fantastic Baby! pelted Sand's Bar-caboose Juvy Especialst (22-80), 14-3, at

home last Wednesday to swipe the division lead by six games.

Although Fantastic Baby! improved its win-loss record to 67-35, it benefited greatly from an eyebrow-raising 13-4 home upset by Joe's Dart Seekers (61-41) over former frontrunner Diamond Force (61-41) out of Es'y Kitchen. Dart Seekers moved from fourth place to a share of second position as a result of its stunning win.

In other results, Oceanside Bar & Grill's M-Destroyers (45-57) snubbed SOS' Mixblood Rookies (42-60), 9-8, on the road and the SOS Jokers (53-49) capped a nice, 10-7, road upset over VFW Post 3457's Maharot Crew (57-45).

Notables remain a 160 High In by Diamond Force's Rick Elefante and a 128 High Out by Maharot Crew's Wilson Quiban.

Then on Thursday, DJ Fish stirred up a 10-5 road win over Oceanside's Shooters (33-57) and ended up tangled with One-

shot who dropped a 6-9 upset at home to IT&E Na'Gupu (52-38), of Naked Fish.

Meanwhile, VFW's Naughty Boyz (51-39) gained some ground from fourth place with a strong 12-3 home victory over Es'y's Taya Guaha (33-57) and Es'y's Kitchen Darters (46-44) routed Jonny's Rehab (33-57), 11-4, also at home.

Notables remain a 160 High In by Naughty Boyz' John Cabrera and a 121 High Out by Oneshot's Scott Guerrero.

Also on Thursday, Kyodai cruised past Bammy's Tak'Ka Hao (38-52), 11-4, at home to stretch its lead over the B-Flame Tree field to 10 with its 63-27 card.

Joe's Real Deal and Naked Fish's Team Exotic are knotted up in second place with identical 53-37 records as the former bumped off Sand's Juvy Refalauns (33-57), 10-5, and the latter snuck past the Dart K'nhytes (37-53), 8-7. Both vic-

tors won on home turf.

Furthermore, Bammy's Lila-puching (46-44) triumphed over VFW's Dutty Gunz (37-53), 10-5, also at home.

Notables remain a 152 High In by Kyodai's Ton Tomokane and a 113 High Out by teammate Allen Cabrera.

Going back to Wednesday, C Division's Hafa Mas went into Sand's and skunked Juvy Aschoascho (24-66), 15-0, and captured a little taste of first place with its 63-27 slate.

Hafa Mas profited from a close matchup between the former C Division co-leaders, which re-

sults in Sand's Lupeyt (62-28) triumphing over Bammy's Zyn-dikato (61-29) 8-7, at home.

In other results, SOS' fourth-ranked Joker Royal (51-39) routed Island Apparel's OH! MG (41-49), 13-2, in a road match held at Naked Fish; VFW's Warriors (49-41) clipped Oceanside's Shottas (36-54), 8-7, on the road; and Jonny's Sparks (39-51) defeated Oceanside's M-Side Shooters (24-66), 9-6, at home.

Notables include a 150 High In by OH! MG's Carol Chargualaf and a 138 High Out by Sparks' Isaac Aguon.

XGA August Ace tomorrow



The X-clusive Golfers Association is holding its August Ace of the Month golf tournament tomorrow at Kingfisher Golf Links in Talafofo. Show time is set for noon with a 1pm tee off.

The group fell behind in its schedule and is still trying to get back on track, which leaves four more chances for members to qualify into the season-ending end Ace of Aces tournament, tentatively scheduled for January 2013.

Last year's Ace of Aces event was coupled with the 2013 season opener, when J.J. Cabrera swept both honors.

The winner of tomorrow's event will join him, February Ace Mike Sablan, March's Kisoo Kim, April's Yoon Jae Tuk, June's Park Hong, and July's Luis Cepeda. May's winner was not made available.

For more information, contact XGA secretary J.J. Cabrera at 287-9478 for more information. *(Walter Cepeda Sutherland)*

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According to Matansa FC officials, the clinics featured players in the co-ed U6, U8, U10, U13, girls and boys U15, and boys U18. These are the same age group teams that will represent Matansa in the NMIFA spring league, which will kick off this weekend.

"We are also working so hard to recruit new players for our girls U21 team (16 to 21 years old). Our goal is to continue

delivering quality coaching and development opportunities to players/parents and coaches," Matansa FC president/treasurer Elna Curate said in an email to *Saipan Tribune*.

"We have around 95 registered youth players at the moment and we are hoping to recruit more. Most of our players are from Tanapag, San Roque, and As Matuis. We also have eight coaches," general secretary Joven Cruz added.

Joining Cruz and Curate on the Matansa board and at the get-together are vice president

Glenn Perez and technical director Lee Epperson and former club president and Northern Mariana Islands Football Association head Jerry Tan.

Cruz thanked the former Matansa president for his continued support and the former also acknowledged the practice shorts Justin Tan donated to the club.

Meanwhile, besides joining local leagues, Matansa is also planning on sending a team to Guam before the year ends to play against another club. The group also vows to stay involved in community service,

as this has been the club's commitment since 2010.

"In March 2010, the club organized the trash can project, specifically for our home pitch GTC. Players, parents/coaches, and other volunteers gathered to paint drums and wooden stands to help GTC in maintaining the cleanliness of the school. In 2011, we donated \$1K to purchase bushcutter equipment and other support materials for GTC. For 2012, we are still thinking how we can continue to help our home field, GTC," Curate said.

LD PRIME

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three quarters against Ol'Aces on Tuesday and climbed out of an 8-point hole in the final period thanks largely to four clutch free throws by Irvyn Malonzo that helped steal the win, 59-58.

Notably, Proa took on Hi-5 yesterday, and from there, the season resumes on Monday at the Ada Gym with the CK Saints debuting against RBC's Rollers 1 (0-1) at 5:30pm.

Kagman center Jason Lampkin and shooting guard John Santos hooked up right from the get go for 14 points that helped provide an early 20-17 edge.

But LD Prime's Lawrence Rollon scrambled for 9 points in the opening 10 minutes to keep his crew within firing range.

All six Kagman players then got at least one shot to fall in the second quarter as the group managed to push it to a two-possession lead at halftime, 38-34.

After the break, Lampkin and power forward Ton Malwelrue teamed up for a baker's dozen lead that surged Kagman further in front, 60-51, heading into the final canto.

The team was riding high af-

ter the uprising, but perhaps too high, as the group eased up at the start of the payoff period, which allowed its rival to hang around.

With more depth on its bench, LD Prime had a lot of gas left in the tank and turned to its transition offense to chip away at the lead.

Kagman lost its rhythm at the most inopportune time and endured some shortcomings on both sides of the court, causing its cushion to fade midway through the quarter as the short-handed crew grew tired.

Lampkin was held to just three baskets in the final period and no one else stepped up under fire as they only managed 4 points in the last three minutes of the match.

LD Prime essentially took its first lead of the game, 73-71, with 32 seconds left in regulation, after which a 5-point cherry was added on top by Lawrence Espinosa before the final bell.

LD Prime's Rollon and point guard Jon-Keneth Quemado, who delivered 8 points in the late rally, combined for 43 points in the stunner, while the Kagman duo of Lampkin and Santos finished with 40 in defeat.

In Tuesday's game, Ol'Aces found the hot hand early in Ryan Ichihara, whose 8 points afforded his team a slim 13-12 lead after the first quarter.

Rollers 2 was right there, however, thanks to 7 markers by Prince Factor.

The teams were evenly matched as they grinded back and forth through the second period, but Ol'Aces remained ahead by a nose, 23-22 at mid-point. Ichihara and Factor both added 4 points in the frame.

Ol'Aces regrouped at half-time and got some more players involved on offense in the third quarter as Derrick Olopai and Matt Lisua came off the bench for 4 points apiece.

They also stuffed Rollers 2 to just 10 points on the other end and established a 41-33 advantage with 10 minutes left in regulation. However, the young RBC squad was far from finished.

Factor's absence played a factor in the breakdown, but he returned in the fourth quarter with the vengeance.

Factor sprinkled 11 points in between 6 points apiece by Irvyn Malonzo and Jeron Ano.

Four of Rollers 2's last 6 points came from Malonzo

who did a good job working his way to the line, and an even better job making his free throws count.

Notably, Ol'Aces' Olopai pulled on an 8-point string at the start of the period, but fouled out, and Ichihara was held scoreless under pressure.

Rollers 2's Factor led all scorers with 22 points, while Ol'Aces' Ichihara turned in 17 on the short end.

WEDNESDAY

LD Prime 78 – Rollon 22, Quemado 21, Espinosa 11, Esteves 10, Gunnacho 10, Pellegriño 4.

Kagman 71 – Lampkin 25, Jo Santos 15, Malwelrue 12, Je Santos 11, T. Santos 6, Besong 2.

Scoring by quarters: 17-20, 34-38, 51-60, 78-71.

TUESDAY

Rollers 2 59 – Factor 22, Malonzo 13, Morales 9, Ano 8, Floresca 4, M Espinosa 2, Cayading 1.

Ol'Aces 58 – Ichihara 17, D Olopai 14, Aguilar 8, Teregeyo 6, Alfred 4, Lisua 4, Mendiola 3, Rogolifoi 2, C Rangamar 1.

Scoring by quarters: 12-13, 22-23, 33-41, 59-58.

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Class B singles last Friday.

In the Class B doubles, Wowie Abuel and John Revilla took the long route to victory against Oh Im Bog and Raj Jayalal. Abuel and Revilla prevailed in the opening game, 21-16, but failed to close the match early when Oh and Jayalal recovered in the second outing, 21-18. Abuel and Revilla then regained their form in the deciding game, 21-15, to remain unbeaten (3-0) in their pool.

In the women's Class B singles, Marilyn Montano also remains perfect (pending Saturday and Sunday's games) after sweeping Elna Curate last Friday, 21-17, 21-15. Duplicating Montano's straight game victory was Toshiko Obata, who crushed Cristy Villaflo, 21-3, 21-6.

In Class C, Joel Ortega and Bong Liagrazon notched two wins in the doubles event, beating Jordan Pangilinan and Celso Agui, 21-16, 21-17, and Brandon Talania and Jun Estolas, 21-13, 21-18. Talania and Estolas went on to split their Friday assignments after downing Pzao Shung Xun and Kim Young

Suk, 21-14, 21-13.

In the Class C singles match, Ramir Belialba survived Talania, 15-21, 21-20, 21-15, while Pangilinan made short work of Panapa Peteru, 21-10, 21-9/

In the women's Class C singles, Julie Lee and Diane Francisco swept Lani Santos, 21-8, 21-11, and Janelle Pangilinan, 21-16, 21-13, respectively. The lone women's C doubles match of the night also ended after only two games with Francisco and Alma Ortega cruising past Santos and Rose Lazaro.

Club mourns passing of former member

Meanwhile, NMBA yesterday mourned the death of former member Emil De Belen, who was one of the founding members of the club.

De Belen, who also starred in local basketball leagues, died from gunshot wounds sustained during an apparent altercation in Manila, Philippines, according to his relative and NMBA member Edwin Montoya.

De Belen, who worked for Treasure Island Poker before relocating back to Manila a couple of years back, is survived by his wife Jinky and daughter Daphne.

tesy of Lily Williams.

In last Monday's game, Kiss My Pass limited Ichiban to single-digit scoring in the first three quarters to cruise to the victory.

Ichiban had only 6 and 7 points in the first two quarters and had its lowest output in the third with 3, allowing Kiss My Pass to seal the win early, leading at 37-16.

Diane Pablo paced Kiss My pass with 19 markers.

First Game

Kiss My Pass 59 – Pablo 19, Vargas 9, Jeraldine Castillo 8, Ito 6, Faron 6, Jeralyn Castillo 4, Lizardo 4.

Ichiban 27 – Santiago 9, C. Lizama 6, V. Bartolo 4, Lumabi 3, Pena 2, Ocampo 2.

Scoring by quarters: 15-6, 29-13, 37-16, 59-27.

Second Game

IDK Who 51 – Pagarao 26, Padilla 10, Rastguay 8, Atalig 4.

UCC 49 – Abrams 11, Lebria 11, Williams 8, Alferos 2.

Scoring by quarters: 18-14, 28-28, 35-39, 51-49.

LD Prime zeroes in on playoff berth

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LD Prime are likely to make it to the playoffs of the DLX/Gualo Rai Invitational Basketball League, following a crucial 80-67 victory over Looban last Wednesday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

LD Prime improved to a 4-2 record for a share of the second spot in Pool B with Freestly and boosted its chances of advancing to the next round after Church 360 fell to Pool B leader Anjie's Boys (6-1), 64-81, in a make-up game last Tuesday.

Before Tuesday's and Wednesday's matches, LD Prime, Looban, and Church 360 were deadlocked at the No. 3 spot. Now, Looban (3-3) and 360 Church 360 (3-3) are left to battle QQ Rent A Car (2-3) and Gualo Rai (2-3) for the last playoff berth with LD Prime and Freestly moving up and joining Anjie's Boys to the next round.

LD Prime nailed the important win after an explosive fourth quarter. Behind by 7 at the end of the third, 46-53, LD Prime sizzled for 34 points against LD Looban's 14.

White Capalad outscored the entire Looban crew, as he fired 17 of his game-high 32 markers in the payoff canto. The LD Prime guard logged seven straight markers midway in the fourth period to lead the breakaway.

In last Monday's game, Anjie's Boys recovered from a slow start to keep a firm grip at the top spot in Pool B.

Anjie's Boys tied Church 360



LD Prime's Myler Magtuloy tries to save the ball from the baseline during their game against Yuchiyo Printing in the DLX caging early this month at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court. LD Prime met Looban last Wednesday and won to zero in for a playoff spot.

at the end of the first quarter, 12-all, before taking control of the game in the second quarter. Ezra Caro, Eugene Manglona, Frank Mettao, and Jimmy Tudela made things happen for Anjie's Boys in the second period and they continued to lead the squad in the second half to secure the double-digit winning margin.

Manglona finished with 20 points, Tudela added 18, and Mettao and Caro contributed 16 and 12, respectively.

Church 360 failed to keep up with Anjie's Boys after a standoff in the first period, as the former scored no more than 20 points in each of the last three quarters.

Lizama lifts D&Q to debut win vs Kanoa

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D&Q outclassed Kanoa Resort in the opener of the 2012 Tan Holdings Inter-Company Basketball League, while JP Centre and Shirley's Coffee Shop posted double-digit winning margins last Sunday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium of the TSL Sports Complex.

Former CNMI National Team member Jack Lizama took the cudgels for D&Q in the fourth quarter to lift his squad to a 91-86 win. Lizama, who saw limited minutes in the third period and was held to 4 points in that canto, had 10 markers in the fourth quarter and finished with a game-high 32 points.

With Lizama letting his teammates run their offense in the third period, D&Q fell behind as much as 9 points before Shane Mendiola scored 5 straight points and the former added 4 in the closing minutes, while Ariel Jinang made a fastbreak layup to grab the lead, 65-64.

Lizama then started out for



D&Q's Jack Lizama goes up for a hook during their debut game against Kanoa Resort in the Tan Holdings caging last Saturday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

D&Q in the fourth canto and stayed at the forefront of his team's offense for their debut win.

JP Centre 86, POI 55

JP Centre had a rousing debut in

the league, routing POI.

Bruiser Johnmarch Ong top-scored for JP Centre, firing 22 points, while four others also finished in double figures for the team's balance scoring. Dino Valdez and Mark Rabago chipped in 17 and Roel Cadauan and Ferdie de la Torre added 11 and 10, respectively.

A 24-13 scoring run in the first quarter was all JP Centre needed to pull away en route to the big 31-point victory. Valdez made two triples, while Rabago drilled one in JP Centre's strong start and the former finished the opening canto strong with 11 points.

Valdez's teammates stepped up in the last three quarters to whip POI.

Shirley's 75, Fiesta 65

In the third game, Shirley's stunned defending champion Fiesta Resort & Spa.

Shirley's played better in the second half to take the 10-point win.

The match was tied at the break, 39-all, when Fradel Sedillo scored 10 points in the third period to put Shirley's in the lead, 59-51. Then Shirley's

Tuesday Make-Up Game

Anjie's Boys 81 – Manglona 20, Tudela 19, Mettao 16, E. Caro 12, T. Caro 5, Mamaril 1.

Church 360 64 – Wood 19,

MISO HS girls caging, boys v-ball tip off Oct. 3 and 4

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The Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization will begin its 2012-2013 fall semester girls high school basketball season on Oct. 3 and a day later on Oct. 4 will kick off its high school boys volleyball season. Both leagues will be played at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

Moreover, MISO organizers are holding a brief coaches and officials meeting this Monday, Sept. 17, 4:30pm at the MHS Gym conference to go over the girls basketball ground rules, after which a separate technical meeting concerning the boys' volleyball season will take place at 5:30pm. Every team must have a representative present at the meeting.

Defending champion MHS Lady Dolphins will take on Mount Carmel's Lady Knights immediately following the 4pm junior varsity match between MHS and the Saipan International School Lady Geckos.

MHS, Kagman High School's Lady Ayuyus, and Saipan Southern High School's Lady Manta Rays will each be suiting up in the varsity and a junior divisions, while MCS is fielding a lone varsity group, and SIS only a junior squad.

Games will be played on

opened the fourth quarter with back-to-back triples to keep its momentum, while Erick Dela Rosa scored 6 of the team's last 8 points to complete the upset.

Sedillo paced Shirley's with his 28 markers, while Dela Rosa and Rommel Usi contributed 16 and 14, respectively. Elmer Esdreton had 31 for Fiesta, while Adonis Macoto made 19, and the rest of their teammates drilled no more than two field goals.

Second Game

JP Centre 86 – Ong 22, Valdez 17, Rabago 17, Cadauan 11, de la Torre 10, Angeles 5, Moran 2.

POI 55 – Tenepere 17, Sablan 11, Esteves 10, Arago 9, Mejia 6.

Scoring by quarters: 24-13, 52-21, 68-30, 86-55.

Third Game

Shirley's 75 – Sedillo 28, Dela Rosa 16, Usi 14, Catungal 8, Yap 3, Drillon 2.

Fiesta 65 – Esdreton 31, Macoto 19, Solito 5, Quizon 4, Vilamena 4.

Scoring by quarters: 15-16, 39-39, 59-54, 75-65.

Basa 15, Lutrell 14, M. Puno 7, Chavez 2, Diaz 2, Buniag 2, Buenabajo 2.

Scoring by quarters: 12-12, 35-33, 54-45, 81-64.

Wednesday's Game

LD Prime 80 – Capalad 32,

Dela Rama 11, Teregeyo 7, Banatasa 7, Hernaez 6, Abaygar 6, Quemado 4.

Looban 67 – Tabamo 20, Dayrit 15, De Guzman 11, Guiang 6, Loste 6, Mateo 4, Yanto 2.

Scoring by quarters: 18-18, 32-38, 46-53, 80-67.



Marianas High School's Jason Limes powers home a spike in last year's MISO boys volleyball semifinal against Kagman High School held at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

Wednesdays and Fridays at the MHS Gym. The junior matches tip off at 4pm and the varsity take the floor following a 10-minute intermission.

The regular season concludes on Oct. 31 with the double-elimination postseason tournament slated for Nov. 16 and 17.

Assuming Rota and Tinian make it over to participate in the playoffs they would automatically receive the third and fifth seeds on the bracket, respectively.

Eight teams make up this year's boys volleyball field including two squads from both MHS and SIS. Defending champion KHS, SSHS, MCS, and the Grace Christian Acad-

emy Eagles represent the other competing groups.

Games will take place on Thursdays and Tuesdays from 4:30pm to 6:30pm.

The opening matchups include GCA versus SSHS on the north court and SIS' Green Geckos on the south end at 4:30pm followed at 5:30pm with SIS' White Geckos against MCS on the north square and MHS' Yellow Dolphins taking on its Blue Dolphins kinsmen.

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Titans seize LEAD in Budweiser 8-Ball

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Saipan Billiards Association's Titans II, out of the 19th Hole Bar, moved into first place in the 15th Budweiser Open 8-Ball League's Thursday consortium, while SOS Bar & Grill's IT&E Voyagers remain at the helm in the Tuesday League standings after the conclusion of last week's division pairings.

Titans II streaked past sister team Eagles (35-70), 13-2, in a road draw to improve to 65-40, but they really have Bammy's Restaurant & Bar's Equalizers (63-42) to thank for its two-game lead as the team defeated Eight It! (59-46), 12-3, on the road. The Waterfront's team was the division's former co-leader and is now in second place.

Meanwhile, Wild Bill's Bar & Grill's Shark Attack (49-56) put together a 9-6 home win over Jonny's Team SCS (44-61).

Then back on Tuesday, the IT&E Voyagers stormed through Joe's Steakhouse's Docomo Pacific Home Boyz (58-47), 10-5, at home to improve its record to 67-38.

The team holds a three-game lead over Utopia Sports Bar's Blue Ice Hustlers (64-41) which worked up a solid, 9-6, home win over Bammy's Triggers (50-55).

In other Tuesday results, Oceanside's third-ranked IT&E Incredibles (62-43) and Yuichiro's Printing (44-61) each bagged identical 9-6 home wins over 19th Hole's Titans I (35-70) and Poseidon Bar & Grill's Crazy 8 (40-65).

This week's Tuesday matches include Yuichiro's setting up for the Docomo Home Boyz; the IT&E Incredibles brushing the table for Crazy 8, Titans I inviting in the Triggers; and the IT&E Voyagers playing host to the Blue Ice Hustlers.

Thursday's lineup lists Titans II calling over Shark Attack; the Equalizers hailing the Eagles; and Team SCS hosting Eight It!.

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Top class games highlight Week 3



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Games in Class A of the 2012 Shirley's Coffee Shop Singles/Doubles Badminton Tournament went underway over the weekend.



After giving way to matches in the two lower divisions, the men's Class A held four games last Friday. In the singles, Andreau Galvez notched two wins after beating Ferdie Arago and Hapi Gabriel, Galvez needed three games to thwart Arago, 21-9, 20-21, 21-13, before sweeping Gabriel in his second straight match of the day, 21-16, 21-13.

Arago went on to recover from a tough three-game loss to Galvez after topping Macoi Aguda, 21-16, 21-15.

In the men's doubles Class A, Galvez joined forces with Gabriel in defeating Dick Guintu and Jexler Caranto, 21-11, 21-19.

In the women's Class A doubles, the pair of Marlene Peraja and Lani Bartolome also took only two games to beat the duo of Merlie Tolentino and Gigi Zapanta, 21-13, 21-16.

In other division matches, Chris Hilario improved to a 3-0 record after his straight game win over Aries Cordero, 21-13, 21-16, in the men's

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◀ Lani Bartolome stretches for a return, while teammate Marlene Peraja looks on during their women's Class A doubles game against Gigi Zapanta and Merlie Tolentino in the Shirley's badminton tournament last weekend at the TSL Sports Complex.

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Matansa FC warms up for spring season



Matansa Football Club players, officials, coaches, and volunteers pose for a group photo after a get-together at the Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School Field last Saturday.

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Matansa Football Club held a get-together at the Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School Field last

Saturday in preparation for the spring season competition.

More than 70 players attended the gathering, which had a clinic as its centerpiece event with coaches and volunteers from Chelsea FC Soccer School (Hong Kong), Saipan Soccer

School, and Shirley's Football Club conducting lessons for Matansa FC players in the various age groups.

Chelsea FC's Jack Wong and Kawai Yiu led the clinic with Saipan Soccer School's Jerishwin Angeles and Russell Zapanta and

female players of Shirley's assisting the two visiting mentors. Coaches and volunteers/players split up and were assigned to various stations, teaching Matansa FC strikers basic and advanced skills in soccer.

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LD Prime, Rollers 2 debut with wins in U20

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LD Prime and Rollers Basketball Club's Rollers 2 both sweated out close wins this week as the 21st Annual Saipan Rotary Club Youth Basketball League's U20 division continued at the Gilbert

C. Ada Gymnasium.

LD Prime overcame a 9-point deficit against Kagman in the final 10 minutes with a huge 27-point surge at crunch time for what turned out to be a solid 78-71 victory last Wednesday.

Rollers 2, meanwhile, also battled from behind through

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LD Prime's Lawrence Rollon slashes to the hoop against Kagman in their Rotary caging U20 matchup last Wednesday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

3-way logjam in Kanoa women's caging

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Three teams are caught up in a tie on top of the team standings at the end of the first round of the 2012 Kanoa Resort Women's Fall Basketball League.

IDK Who, UCC, and Kiss

My Pass hold identical 2-1 records after completing their first round assignments at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium of the TSL Sports Complex to share the No. 1 spot in the four-team field.

IDK Who notched its second straight win after losing its debut to Kiss May Pass, following

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Kiss My Pass' Jeraldine Castillo, right, dribbles past the centerline against IDK Who's Jhaneeka Atalig during their game in the Kanoa caging last week at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.